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In Memory of Robert Fowler
1910 - 2007



Town Auditor
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Gate Tender
Umpteen Years

Holder of Boston Post Cane
2003 - 2007

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

According to RSA 40, the town Moderator determines the procedures to be used in Town Meetings. The Moderator determines the rules without regard to parliamentary or other procedural rules. The voters can overturn the Moderator's rules at any time, however. A motion to overturn the Moderator's rules, or establish new rules, will always take precedence to other business which is already "on the floor".

So that you will know the ground rules by which we are maintaining order, these procedural rules are announced to you ahead of time.

- The Moderator will read each article in its entirety before that article is considered.
- There can be no discussion until there has been a motion under the article. (usually the first motion is to approve the article as it appears on the warrant)
- All motions must be seconded by a different individual.
- Discussion will only take place after a motion has been moved and seconded.
- All discussion must take place only when called upon by the Moderator. You must have permission from the Moderator before you can speak.
- When the Moderator recognizes you, stand up, speak out loudly and announce your name before proceeding with your comments.
- If you want to change a portion of a motion, you can do so by making an amendment. We will consider only one move to amend at any given time. When discussion regarding an amendment comes to a conclusion, the amendment will be voted upon. If the amendment passes we will then continue considering the original motion as it has now been amended. If the amendment fails, we will return to considering the motion in its form prior to the motion to amend.
- A secret written ballot will be used on any article when requested by any 5 voters in writing (RSA 40:4-a).
- A vote will be re-tabulated by secret written ballot when requested in writing or orally by only 7 voters (RSA 40:40b). This action must be requested before we have already moved onto the next item of business.

One final word of advice from your Moderator: If you want to get action from the Town Meeting, you have to make a motion. It's okay to get up and ask a question or make a comment (as long as it's relevant to what's on the table), but if you want the Town Meeting to discuss and vote on your idea, you have to get it on the table with a motion. Let's work together to have a successful and efficient meeting.

Thank you,
Donald Johnson, Moderator

TOWN MEETING – MARCH 13, 2007

WARRANT – MINUTES

Town meeting and the election of officers were both held on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Freedom Town Hall.

The Moderator, Donald Johnson, reviewed election procedures with the election workers downstairs in the Town Hall and then opened the polls for voting at 9:00 a.m. Election workers present were: Donald Johnson, Moderator, Libby Priebe, Town Clerk, Alice Haslett and Rochelle Brooks, Ballot Clerks, James Brown, Gatekeeper and Beth Earle, Assistant Moderator. Daniel Brooks, Chairman of the Supervisors of the Checklist, was also present.

Mr. Johnson then immediately proceeded upstairs in the Town Hall and began the deliberative session of Town Meeting, first explaining the rules of procedure and noting that same are printed in this year's Town Report on page 2 for reference, then introduced the town officials seated at the table on stage: Libby Priebe, Town Clerk, Peter Malia from the Hastings Law Firm, town counsel, James Breslin, Les Babb and Donna Cupka, Selectmen. Mr. Johnson also asked all "non checklist" people to identify themselves and asked them to refrain from voting. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Mr. Johnson commenced with the reading of the Warrant:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Freedom in the County of Carroll in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Freedom will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Tuesday the 13th day of March 2007 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

There will be voting by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers. The polls open at 9:00am and close at 7:00pm unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close at 7:00pm.

All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00am at the Freedom Town Hall.

ARTICLE 1: (To vote by Official Ballot)

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. Johnson noted that the polls were open downstairs and that voting was in progress.

For the purposes of these minutes, the election results are as follows:

TOWN OFFICES:

Selectman – three (03) years:	James W. Brown	255 votes
	John Krebs	1 vote
	John Shipman	4 votes
	G. Brooks, Sr.	1 vote
	Larry Foss	1 vote
	Pete Schiller	2 votes

James W. Brown was declared the winner.

Road Agent – three (03) years:	Scott N. Brooks, Sr.	247 votes
	Justin Brooks	1 vote
	Robert Battles	7 votes
	Josh Battles	5 votes

Scott N. Brooks, Sr. was declared the winner.

Town Clerk – three (03) years:	A. Elizabeth Priebe	272 votes
	Karen Hatch	1 vote

A. Elizabeth (“Libby”) Priebe was declared the winner.

Moderator – one (01) year:	Donald G. Johnson (no write-ins)	265 votes
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Donald G. Johnson was declared the winner.

Treasurer – three (03) years:	Ralph E. Kazanjian	213 votes
	Eric Bossidy	1 vote
	Tom Kondrat	2 votes
	Jim Breslin	2 votes
	David Buswell	1 vote
	Holly Brooks	1 vote
	Anne Cunningham	1 vote
	Theresa Beckett	1 vote
	Ernest Day Sr.	1 vote

Ralph E. Kazanjian was declared the winner.

Planning Board Members – three (03) years – vote for two:	Anne B. Cunningham	229 votes
	Ralph E. Kazanjian	129 votes
	Geraldine Lippincott	109 votes
	Kelly McClare	1 vote
	Rochelle Brooks	1 vote

Anne B. Cunningham and Ralph E. Kazanjian were declared the winners.

Library Trustee – three (03) years:

Karin Schiller	244 votes
Elizabeth Rhymer	1 vote
Jody Perry	1 vote

Karin Schiller was declared the winner.

Cemetery Trustee – three (03) Years:

Paul D. Wheeler	263 votes
Betty Godfrey	1 vote
Peter Park	1 vote

Paul D. Wheeler was declared the winner.

Trustee of the Trust funds –Three (03) years:

Paul D. Wheeler	261 votes
Betty Godfrey	1 vote

Paul D. Wheeler was declared the winner.

SCHOOL OFFICES:

School Board Member – three (03) years:

James C. Farinella	258 votes
James Brown	1 vote

James C. Farinella was declared the winner.

School District Moderator – One (01) year:

Donald G. Johnson (no write-ins)	260 votes
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Donald G. Johnson was declared the winner.

School District Treasurer – three (03) years:

Ralph E. Kazanjian	224 votes
Eric Bossidy	1 vote
Peter Schiller	1 vote
David Buswell	1 vote
Tom Kondrat	2 votes

Ralph E. Kazanjian was declared the winner.

School District Clerk – three (03) years:

Carol E. Stansell	251 votes
P. Libby	1 vote

Carol E. Stansell was declared the winner.

School District Auditor – one (01) year:

Thomas Z. Kondrat	257 votes
(no write-ins)	

Thomas Z. Kondrat was declared the winner.

[Note: there were a total of 280 votes cast and with 1134 voters on the check-list, voter turnout was 24%.]

ARTICLE 2:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money:

The major subsection totals were read out loud by the Moderator: \$299,768.00 for Total General Government; \$350,907.00 for Total Public Safety; \$611,893.00 for Total Highways and Streets; \$179,353.00 for Total Sanitation; \$10,894.00 for Total Health (Agencies); \$3,900.00 for Total Welfare; \$67,208.00 for Total Culture & Recreation; \$5,300.00 for Total Conservation; \$160,664.00 for Total Debt Service; for a Warrant Article total of \$1,689,887.00.

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Discussion. [Betty Godfrey, during discussion, made the request that a Warrant Article be placed on the written town ballot to pave the Loon Lake Road for the Townspeople to decide, if paving the Loon Lake Road is ever considered in the future.]

VOTE ON ARTICLE 2 - \$1,689,887.00: YES, unanimous. The article passes.

ARTICLE 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,060.00 for this years contract with Brett S. Purvis & Associates, Inc. to complete the necessary new construction assessing and all other assessing duties required for the year.

Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)

MOTION: Jim Breslin

SECONDED: Donna Cupka

Discussion

VOTE ON ARTICLE 3: YES, unanimous. The article passes.

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for the legal review [of] the existing Zoning Ordinance for overall legality and proper correlation with the updated Master Plan.

Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 4: YES, unanimous. The Article passes.

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 41,410.00 to sealcoat on Town Roads.

Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)

MOTION: Donna Cupka

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Scott Brooks, Sr., the Road Agent, noted that he tries to sealcoat three (03) miles each year but was only able to complete 2 miles last year due to the increase in the cost of the materials, trucking etc.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 5: YES, unanimous. The article passes.

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,000.00 to repave on Town Roads.

Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)

MOTION: Donna Cupka

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Scott Brooks, Sr., the Road Agent, noted that he tries to repave 3000 feet each year but was only able to do a portion of Rice Hill, still has a 600 foot section left and there are some other spots that also need repaving.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 6: YES, unanimous. The article passes.

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,118.00 to re-roof the east side of the town garage with steel and replace existing chimney.

Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)

MOTION: Donna Cupka

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 7: YES, unanimous. The article passes.

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purchase of a generator for the Fire Department.

Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)

MOTION: James Breslin

SECONDED: Donna Cupka

Discussion

VOTE ON ARTICLE 8: YES, unanimous. The article passes.

ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,200.00 for a concrete pad at the Transfer Station for the recycling dumpsters.

Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)

MOTION: James Breslin

SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 9: YES, unanimous. The article passes.

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with NH RSA 35:1 to be known as the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes of repairing, replacing and purchasing equipment for the Transfer Stations from time to time as authorized by Statute and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to place into said Fund with the Trustees of said Fund authorized to make disbursements from said Fund for said Fund purposes on the written Warrant request of the Board of Selectmen provided this Fund shall not lapse until subsequent vote of the Town revokes the same.

Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)

MOTION: James Breslin

SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 10: YES, unanimous. The article passes.

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of authorizing the Board of Selectmen to hire and pay a licensed forester to oversee the cutting operations of the Town Forest for the ensuing year.

No Selectmen Recommendation

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Greg Bossart

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 11: YES, unanimous. The article passes.

ARTICLE 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,209.00 for an additional full-time police officer to be engaged by the Town.

Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 12: YES, unanimous. The article passes.

ARTICLE 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,041.00 to purchase a new Ford Crown Victoria police package cruiser fully equipped.

Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 13: YES, unanimous. The article passes.

ARTICLE 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,760.00 for an on site radar trailer to be purchased by the Town with the balance of its cost to be paid by a highway safety grant.

Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)

MOTION: James Breslin

SECONDED: Les Babb

Discussion. Selectman Donna Cupka noted that the total cost of the Radar Trailer is \$8,520.00; \$4,260.00 has been obtained from a grant, \$500.00 from a gift and the balance of \$3,760.00 is the requested Article amount.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 14: YES, unanimous. The article passes.

ARTICLE 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 to be added to the Remediation of Invasive Weeds, Milfoil or Pollution Fund of the Town previously established.

Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)

MOTION: Donna Cupka

SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 15: YES, unanimous. The article passes.

ARTICLE 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established.

Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Donna Cupka

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 16: YES, unanimous. The article passes.

ARTICLE 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,244.00 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established.

Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 17: YES, unanimous. The article passes.

ARTICLE 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be added to the Municipal Land and Building Fund of the Town previously established for the stated purposes therein but specifically now to prohibit the acquisition of any land without further vote of the town per RSA 35:15II with the trustees of said Fund authorized to make disbursements from said Fund for said Fund purposes on the written warrant request of the Board of Selectmen and this Fund shall continue until subsequent vote of the town to revoke the Fund.

This Fund was established by vote of the town in March of 2006 for the purposes of investigating sites for a municipal building which shall include site review by engineering and architectural studies, obtaining construction costs estimates, obtaining option agreements and other planning studies for review and further action by the town who may act on the reports submitted to the town by the Board of Selectmen. Please note that this article will not allow any acquisition of land but will only allow the Selectmen to have Funds to make studies and obtain possible option agreements which must be acted on by the entire town before any land acquisition may occur.

Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: James Breslin

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 18: YES, unanimous. The article passes.

ARTICLE 19: (By Petition of Jack Middleton and others)

To see if the Town of Freedom will accept as a public road in the Town of Freedom the Freedom Shore Road so-called, extending from Route 25 to land now or formerly of Henry and Jacqueline Kucera.

MOTION: Ed Reed

SECONDED: Lee Allison

Discussion. Selectman Les Babb noted that because this is a private road, there are legal issues involved and that it is illegal for the Town to maintain private roads with town money.

Betty Godfrey asked if the Article could be amended. Selectman Babb

asked Attorney Malia if it were possible to amend a petitioned article and Attorney Malia said that it is.

Betty Godfrey proposed an amendment to the Article adding the condition that the road be brought to specifications of the Town of Freedom; seconded by Rick Zecher.

Discussion on the proposed amendment:

“To see if the Town of Freedom will accept as a public road in the Town of Freedom the Freedom Shore Road so-called, extending from Route 25 to land now or formerly of Henry and Jacqueline Kucera, on the condition that the road is brought to specifications of the Town of Freedom.”

Ed Reed asked if it would be possible to bring the road up to the Town’s specifications without paving and Selectman Babb answered “No.”.

Ed Reed asked if other dirt roads had been accepted by the Town; Selectman Babb noted not since 1971. Scott Brooks, Sr., the road agent, also noted that the other dirt roads maintained by the town were and are established town roads and were never private roads.

Attorney Malia noted that should the Amendment pass, it should be clarified who will be paying to bring the road up to town standards and should include “by the property owners along the road”.

The Moderator received permission from Betty Godfrey, who proposed the amendment, and from Rick Zecker, who had seconded the amendment, to add in the additional language:

“by the property owners along the road”

The proposed amendment now reads:

“To see if the Town of Freedom will accept as a public road in the Town of Freedom the Freedom Shore Road so-called, extending from Route 25 to land now or formerly of Henry and Jacqueline Kucera, on the condition that the road is brought to specifications of the Town of Freedom by the property owners along the road.”

Discussion on the amendment.

Anne Cunningham asked if this Article, as amended, were voted in, was the Town voting to accept every private road in the future if it were brought up to the town’s specifications. The Moderator said: “No – only the Freedom

Shore Road.”.

Attorney Malia was asked by the Moderator if this procedure would set a precedent. Attorney Malia responded that in the future this case would probably be cited but would be non-binding as a precedent.

Selectman Babb asked the Moderator if he could amend the amendment. The Moderator said: “No – we need to vote on the amendment currently being discussed first.”

The meeting then proceeded to vote on the **MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 19** as follows:

“To see if the Town of Freedom will accept as a public road in the Town of Freedom the Freedom Shore Road so-called, extending from Route 25 to land now or formerly of Henry and Jacqueline Kucera, on the condition that the road is brought to specifications of the Town of Freedom by the property owners along the road.”

VOTE TO AMEND ARTICLE 19: The voice vote was uncertain so the Moderator asked for a show of hands. After counting 35 in favor, he noted that the **AMENDMENT CARRIES**.

Les Babb made a **MOTION TO FURTHER AMEND** Article 19 by inserting the words:

“brought to current subdivision standards of the Town of Freedom”;

SECONDED: James Breslin.

Selectman Babb noted he wanted to avoid a battle over “then” or “now” as far as the subdivision standards are concerned.

Discussion.

The Article would now read: “To see if the Town of Freedom will accept as a public road in the Town of Freedom the Freedom Shore Road so-called, extending from Route 25 to land now or formerly of Henry and Jacqueline Kucera, on the condition that the road is brought to current subdivision standards of the Town of Freedom by the property owners along the road.”

VOTE TO AMEND ARTICLE 19 by inserting the words: “brought to current subdivision standards of the Town of Freedom”: YES – the Amendment carries.

Discussion on the Article as further amended.

It was agreed, after further discussion, that the additional wording of: “brought to current subdivision standards for roads of the Town of Freedom” would be added. Les Babb and James Breslin agreed to this addition.

The Article would now read: “To see if the Town of Freedom will accept as a public road in the Town of Freedom the Freedom Shore Road so-called, extending from Route 25 to land now or formerly of Henry and Jacqueline Kucera, on the condition that the road is brought to current subdivision standards for roads of the Town of Freedom by the property owners along the road.”

Discussion on the Article as further amended.

Robert Libby, Jr. asked the Moderator if we were agreeing to accept this road now, when it is brought up to standards? The Moderator answered that if we vote now, as amended, we will accept the road as long as the property owners bring it up to current subdivision standards for roads – there would not be a time frame.

Scott Brooks, Sr., asked if it would take another vote of the Town? The Moderator said: “No”.

Attorney Malia offered an additional clarification to the Article: “current town standards for roads as determined by the Town’s road agent”, noting that it would be up to the road agent to inspect the road and have the final say, and would avoid possible disputes with private engineers, and noted that the road would become a Town Road without further vote.

James Breslin made a motion to add: “bring the road up to the subdivision standards as determined by the Town’s road agent and approved by the Town of Freedom Voters”; seconded by Betty Godfrey.

Discussion on proposed amendment.

Attorney Malia stated that he disagrees with James Breslin’s amendment, stating it could be legally problematic.

Discussion.

Betty Godfrey asked to **MOVE THE QUESTION**.

VOTE ON MOVING THE QUESTION: YES, unanimous.

VOTE ON MOTION TO FURTHER AMEND: NO, by a majority.
The motion to further amend failed.

Justin Brooks made a **MOTION TO TABLE** the Article; **SECONDED** by Betty Godfrey.

A voice vote was taken on the motion to table: The motion to table failed.

Discussion on the Article as amended as follows:

“To see if the Town of Freedom will accept as a public road in the Town of Freedom the Freedom Shore Road so-called, extending from Route 25 to land now or formerly of Henry and Jacqueline Kucera, on the condition that the road is brought to current subdivision standards for roads of the Town of Freedom by the property owners along the road.”

Betty Godfrey made a **MOTION TO MOVE** the question.

VOTE ON MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION: Yes, unanimous.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 19 as amended: a hand count showed 26 YES and 20 NO; the Article passes.

ARTICLE 20: (By Petition of John Shipman and others)

To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Freedom.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse

Gas emission while protecting the U.S. economy.

2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of

sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

MOTION: John Shipman

SECONDED: Betty Godfrey

Discussion.

Anne Cunningham made a **MOTION TO MOVE** the question:

VOTE ON MOTION TO MOVE: YES, unanimous.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 20: YES, by majority. The Article passes.

ARTICLE 21:

To review real estate acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed since the last annual Town Meeting to consider whether or not to sell any or all such properties and the appropriate terms and conditions regarding their sale.

The Selectmen noted that there were no properties to review and that this Article was not applicable. No motion was made; no further discussion.

ARTICLE 22:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Les Babb thanked James Breslin for his six years of service to the Town, three as Treasurer and the last three as a Selectman. Jim was given a Certificate and a round of applause.

Les also noted that because it is illegal for the Town to spend town money on private roads, it will be necessary to hold a special town meeting in the summer to address the issue.

John Shipman wanted Justin ("Cubby") Brooks to receive recognition for his excellent handling of the Town's transfer station. Cubby was given a round of applause.

Les Babb made a special birthday presentation, including a birthday cake, to our Moderator, Don Johnson.

Don Johnson thanked everybody, then made note that he had visited with Bob Fowler, a beloved, retired town official now in Sunbridge in North Conway, and said that Bob sends his greetings to the meeting.

Les Babb noted that the Selectmen are looking for volunteers for different boards and committees and that the sign-up sheets are available.

Justin Brooks made a **MOTION TO ADJOURN; SECONDED** by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

**MINUTES OF
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2007**

A special town meeting was held at the Freedom Town Hall, Freedom, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, October 16, 2007.

The Moderator, Donald Johnson, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with an explanation of the procedures and an introduction of the election workers and others present as follows: A. Elizabeth ("Libby") Priebe, Town Clerk, Peter Malia, Town Counsel, Selectmen: Donna Cupka, Les Babb and James Brown; election helpers: Deputy Town Clerk Sue Brown, Assistant Moderator Beth Earle, Rochelle Brooks, Karen Hatch and Linda Farinella.

Mr. Johnson explained that in order to expedite the proceedings, the townspeople had gone through the checklist procedure on the way in to the meeting and those present that are not registered voters were asked to sit in a designated section. By using this method, if multiple written ballots are requested, it would not be necessary to go through the checklist procedure again for each individual article. Mr. Johnson further explained that other towns do this process routinely but that it is new for Freedom.

Mr. Johnson announced that the first Article on the Warrant requires a written ballot and that the other Articles on the Warrant would be handled by voice vote unless otherwise requested in the process.

Mr. Johnson began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, then the reading of the Warrant:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Freedom in the county of Carroll in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Freedom Town Hall in said Freedom on Tuesday the 16th day of October, next at 7:00pm to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$168,076 for the purpose of repairing roads and bridges damaged in the April 2007 nor'easter which resulted in severe flooding.

Recommended by Selectmen (3-0-0)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Les Babb made a **MOTION TO AMEND** the Article by reducing the amount from \$168,076.00 to \$108,630.00; SECONDED by Justin Brooks.

Discussion on the Amendment.

Justin Brooks made a **MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION.**

VOTE on motion to move the question: **YES.** The motion carried.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND: YES. The motion carried.

Discussion on **ARTICLE 1 AS AMENDED.** Les Babb noted that the Road Agent, Scott Brooks, had utilized gravel left at a pit in Effingham that belongs to the Town of Freedom for the project and had saved money. Mr. Babb stated that FEMA had already reimbursed the town for some of the work performed and another check is expected. Mr. Babb also noted that all of the repair work to the roads has been completed – it has to be completed and the paperwork submitted to FEMA in order to be reimbursed – with the exception of the work required to repair the damage to Burnham Road with a new bridge.

Justin Brooks made a **MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION.**

VOTE on motion to move the question: **YES.** The motion carried.

The meeting then proceeded to **VOTE** on **ARTICLE 1** as amended to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$108,630.00 for the purpose of repairing roads and bridges damaged in the April 2007 nor'easter which resulted in severe flooding.

RESULTS of written ballot:

YES **74**

NO **12**

The Article 1 passes.

ARTICLE 2:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the layout of Ash Road as a winter road. A 2/3 vote is required.

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Discussion.

Justin Brooks made a **MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION**.

Don Johnson explained that the motion to move would require a 2/3 majority to move the question and would stop all discussion.

Alice Haslett **SECONDED** the motion to move the question.

A voice vote was then taken on the motion to move the question and the Moderator, Mr. Johnson, announced that the motion had carried. That result was challenged and it was necessary to proceed to a written yes/no ballot on whether to move the question or not. A “yes” meant that discussion would end and the meeting would proceed to vote on the article, and a “no” meant that the discussion on the Article would continue.

After the written ballots had been counted, the Moderator announced that a total of 73 ballots were cast and a 2/3 majority required 48.66 votes to pass. The results were:

YES – 49

NO - 24

The motion to move the question passes.

The meeting then proceeded to **VOTE ON ARTICLE 2: YES**, the article carried.

ARTICLE 3:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the layout of Beach Club Drive as a winter road. Majority vote is required.

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Discussion.

Motion to **MOVE THE QUESTION** made by Justin Brooks.

VOTE on motion to move: YES – the motion to move carried.

VOTE on ARTICLE 3: YES, by majority. The article carried.

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the layout of Davis Point Road as a winter road. Majority vote is required.

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Alice Haslett

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 4: YES, by majority. The article carried.

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the layout of Durgin Hill Road as a winter road. Majority vote is required.

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Alice Haslett

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 5: YES, by majority. The article carried.

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the layout of Fox Run Road as a winter road. Majority vote is required.

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Bonnie McCue

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 6: YES, by majority. The article carried.

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the layout of Freedom Shores Road as a winter road. Majority vote is required.

MOTION: Les Brown

SECONDED: Sue Brown

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 7: YES, by majority. The article carried.

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the layout of George Davidson

Road as a winter road. Majority vote is required.

MOTION: Les Brown

SECONDED: Alice Haslett

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 8: YES, by majority. The article carried.

ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the layout of Paulipoint Road as a winter road. Majority vote is required.

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: John Hogan

MOTION TO AMEND the Article to add the words: “of a portion” – so that the Article would read: “To see if the Town will vote to approve the layout of a portion of Paulipoint Road as a winter road. Majority vote is required.”

The Motion to Amend was **SECONDED** by Donna Cupka.

Discussion on the motion to amend.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND: YES – unanimous. The motion to amend carried.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 9 as amended: YES, by majority. The article carried.

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the layout of Old West Ossipee Road as a winter road. Majority vote is required.

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 10: YES, by majority. The article carried.

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the layout of the following roads that are within Square Brooks Estates. Majority vote is required.

Old Stagecoach Road
Weona Drive
First Street
Milford Avenue
John's Boulevard
Laurentian Drive
Birchwood Farm Road
Joe Davis Road
Noodnick Road
Ski-Doo Alley
Poplar Ridge Road

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Justin Brooks.

Les Babb made a **MOTION TO AMEND** the Article by inserting the words: "as winter roads", so that the article would now read: "To see if the Town will vote to approve the layout of the following roads as winter roads that are within Square Brooks Estates. Majority vote is required. ...".

The **MOTION TO AMEND** was **SECONDED** by Donna Cupka.

Discussion on the proposed amendment.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT: YES, voted unanimously to amend the Article.

Discussion on Article 11 as amended.

Karl Ogren made a **MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION.**

VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION: YES, by majority.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 11 AS AMENDED: YES, by majority. The article carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Sue Brown; SECONDED by all.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

(Full discussion on tape).

A true record, attest:

A. ELIZABETH PRIEBE, TOWN CLERK

TOWN MEETING – MARCH 11, 2008

WARRANT

The polls will be open from 9:00am to 7:00pm

To the inhabitants of the Town of Freedom in the County of Carroll in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Freedom will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Tuesday the 11th day of March 2008 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

There will be voting by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and for adoption of Zoning Amendments. The polls open at 9:00am and close at 7:00pm unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close at 7:00pm.

All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00am at the Freedom Town Hall.

Article 1: (To vote by Official Ballot)

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 3, Section 310, (Lot of Record) and Article 5, Section 506, (Expansion of Non-Conforming Structures) to delete from Section 506 and add to Section 310 the requirement that the total footprint of all structures on a lot not exceed 10% of the total area of the lot, so that it applies to all lots of record and to clarify the requirements for expansion of a non-conforming structure in Section 506?

(Approved by the Planning Board 6-0-0)

Article 3: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 5 (Non-Conforming Uses and Structures) to add Section 507 to permit the expansion to year-round use of only one (1) pre-existing non-conforming seasonal dwelling per lot, provided the lot is at least 10,000 square feet, septic and water approvals are obtained, and the building complies with Life Safety and Energy Conservation codes?

(Approved by the Planning Board 7-0-0)

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money (FY 2008):

	FY 2006 <u>EXP</u>	FY 2007 <u>APPROP</u>	FY 2008 <u>EXP</u>	FY 2007 <u>APPROP</u>	FY 2008 <u>APPROP</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
Town Office:					
Wages, Fees, Benefits:					
Town Officers Salaries	21,150	21,150	21,150	21,150	21,150
Town Clerk Fees	8,893	9,450	8,508	9,350	9,350
Deputy Town Clerk	1,194	2,240	1,239	2,240	2,240
Tax Collector Fees/Costs	8,785	9,000	9,407	10,500	10,500
Salaries - Full Time	36,370	36,920	38,367	41,000	41,000
Salaries - Part Time	17,179	25,000	21,823	29,000	29,000
Retirement	1,073	1,108	903	1,230	1,230
Health/Dental Insurance	14,432	15,450	15,449	16,600	16,600
Life/Disability Insurance	708	1,289	982	1,350	1,350
Total Wages, Fees, Benefits	109,784	121,607	117,828	132,420	132,420
Town Office Expense	37,512	43,150	45,425	53,450	53,450
Total Town Office	147,296	164,757	163,253	185,870	185,870
Election and Registration	7,890	5,250	5,360	9,400	9,400
Legal Expense	51,248	23,000	16,312	23,000	23,000
Payroll Taxes	25,815	37,800	28,506	37,685	37,685
Planning and Zoning Boards:					
Wages - Part Time	2,914	2,650	3,079	2,850	2,850
Expense	2,775	3,400	3,940	3,600	3,600
Total Planning and Zoning Boards	5,689	6,050	7,019	6,450	6,450
Public Buildings:					
Wages - Part Time	5,949	6,400	6,400	8,000	8,000
Expenses	35,776	18,850	18,552	22,850	22,850
Total Public Buildings	41,725	25,250	24,952	30,850	30,850
Cemeteries	1,206	2,225	1,025	2,700	2,700
Insurance	37,545	33,686	34,928	35,296	35,296
Lakes Region Planning Commission	1,724	1,750	1,750	1,792	1,792
Total General Government	320,138	299,768	283,105	333,043	333,043

<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>
<u>EXP</u>	<u>APPROP</u>	<u>APPROP</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:		
Wages, Benefits:		
Salaries - Full Time	83,614	96,000
Salaries - Part Time	34,583	41,000
Overtime/Holiday	0	0
Retirement	8,603	10,330
Health/Dental Insurance	32,565	42,219
Life/Disability Insurance	689	<u>1,477</u>
Total Wages and Benefits Expenses	160,054	191,026
	<u>29,690</u>	<u>27,900</u>
Total Police Department	189,744	218,926
Fire Department:		
Chief's & Member's Expenses	21,000	27,000
Turnout Gear	5,650	5,500
Mutual Aid Dues	3,500	4,500
Equipment	11,078	9,000
Training	1,465	2,500
Maintenance & Operating Expense	27,438	<u>30,375</u>
Total Fire Department	70,131	78,875
Ambulance Service	23,181	25,000
Building Inspector	9,601	11,174
Zoning Officer	3,205	5,600
Forest Fire Protection	4,876	5,000
Emergency Management & Safety	1,968	500
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	4,792	4,832
Water Precinct	1,000	<u>1,000</u>
Total Public Safety	308,518	350,907
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:		
Highway Department:		
Wages and Benefits:		
Salaries - Full Time	144,775	139,000
Salaries - Part Time	11,419	16,200
Salaries - Overtime	20,474	48,188
Retirement	2,515	5,616
Health/Dental Insurance	49,365	72,000
Life/Disability Insurance	<u>2,902</u>	<u>4,251</u>
Total Wages and Benefits	231,450	285,255

	FY 2006 <u>EXP</u>	FY 2007 <u>APPROP</u>	FY 2008 <u>EXP</u>	FY 2008 <u>APPROP</u>
Expenses:				
Rental Equipment	112,927	105,000	116,048	105,500
Contract Services	21,790	22,000	36,199	22,000
Operating Expenses	160,838	191,638	180,382	199,908
Total Expenses	295,555	318,638	332,629	327,408
Total Highway Department	527,005	603,893	556,314	601,999
Street Lights	7,581	8,000	9,661	10,000
Total Highways and Streets	534,586	611,893	565,975	611,999
SANITATION:				
Transfer Station:				
Wages - Full Time	23,773	26,880	27,264	26,944
Wages - Part Time	6,817	8,000	8,576	8,500
Retirement	892	998	1,027	1,200
Health/Dental Insurance	19,156	21,109	21,109	22,669
Life/Disability Insurance	440	692	471	750
Total Wages and Benefits Expenses:	51,078	57,679	58,447	60,063
Engineering	7,108	6,000	7,019	6,000
Transport Materials	102,250	100,000	86,181	100,000
Operating Expenses	18,699	15,674	10,296	14,774
Total Expenses	128,057	121,674	103,496	120,774
Total Transfer Station	179,135	179,353	161,943	180,837
Total Sanitation	179,135	179,353	161,943	180,837
HEALTH:				
Agencies:				
Carroll County Mental Health	1,433	1,433	1,433	1,433
Children Unlimited	1,400	1,600	1,600	1,800
Community Action Program	3,000	3,500	3,500	4,000
White Mt Health Center	1,480	1,686	1,686	1,724
Starling Point	555	555	555	500
Red Cross	500	585	585	640
Family Support	800	0	0	0
S.C.C. Visiting Nurse	1,350	1,535	1,535	997
Total Health (Agencies)	10,518	10,894	10,894	11,094

	FY 2006 <u>EXP</u>	FY 2007 <u>APPROP</u>	FY 2008 <u>APPROP</u>
WELFARE:			
Town Needy	<u>1,822</u>	<u>3,900</u>	<u>4,594</u>
Total Welfare	<u>1,822</u>	<u>3,900</u>	<u>4,594</u>
CULTURE AND RECREATION:			
Parks and Recreation	5,047	7,125	5,703
Library	49,070	56,943	56,943
Memorial Day	1,489	1,140	996
Old Home Week	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total Culture and Recreation	<u>57,606</u>	<u>67,208</u>	<u>65,642</u>
CONSERVATION:			
Conservation Commission	1,763	2,800	1,770
Invasive Weed Control (milfoil)			
Water Quality Testing	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total Conservation	<u>4,263</u>	<u>5,300</u>	<u>4,270</u>
DEBT SERVICE:			
Bond Principal	125,812	125,812	125,812
Bond Interest	20,619	15,852	15,401
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	<u>14,265</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>19,018</u>
Total Debt Service	<u>160,696</u>	<u>160,664</u>	<u>160,231</u>
TOTAL ARTICLE 4	<u>1,577,282</u>	<u>1,689,887</u>	<u>1,635,381</u>

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,060.00 for this year's contract with Brett S. Purvis & Associates, Inc. to complete the necessary new construction assessing and all other assessing duties required for the year.

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,410.00 to seal coat on Town Roads.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,000.00 to repave on Town Roads.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 for road crack sealing on Bennett and Ossipee Lake Roads.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,600.00 for the replacement of a 60' culvert located on Rice Hill Road.

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,350.00 for the installation of a third compactor at the transfer station.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the improvements to the Town Hall Kitchen.

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to establish the position of Fire Chief as a paid position, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 154:1,1(a) and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,000.00 to fund this position, such funds to be in addition to the amount appropriated in Article 4 as the Fire Chief's stipend.

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 to replace and repair Dry Hydrants throughout the Town.

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,717.00 for the purchase of Fire Hose.

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to fix and repair rust/body work on Engine 7.

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00

for the Emergency Management Department to purchase cots, pillows and blankets.

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to establish the position for a Health Officer as a paid position and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,300.00 for this position.

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to support the newly formed community transportation initiative known as Carroll County Transit, such funds to be paid over only if Carroll County Transit becomes operational by December 31, 2008.

Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,339.00 for one 2007 can-am 4-wheeler for the Police Department.

Article 20:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,339.00 for one 2007 can-am 4-wheeler for the Fire Department.

Article 21:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,600.00 for improvements to the ballfield.

Article 22:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00, to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund, for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forestry activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year.

Article 23:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of up to \$5,000.00, to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund, for maintenance activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year.

Article 24:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize 50% of the Land Use Change Tax revenue collected annually, not to exceed \$15,000.00, to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund to be held and used in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II. If adopted, this article shall take effect April 1, 2008 and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting.

Article 25:

To see if the Town will adopt an ordinance pursuant to RSA 31:39, I(a) and 31:39,III to authorize the Town to enforce the Town Forest management regulations established by the Freedom Conservation Commission. See complete ordinance on page 103

Article 26:

To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the Class VI portions of Pequawket Trail and Shawtown Road which are located within the Freedom Town Forest to Class A Municipal Trails pursuant to RSA 231-A.

Article 27:

Shall the Town vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a (Acquisition or Sale of Land, Buildings, or Both), which would give the Selectmen the authority to acquire or sell land and/or buildings after first submitting any such proposed acquisition or sale to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission for review and recommendation, and further, requiring the Selectmen to hold 2 public hearings regarding the proposed acquisition or sale. This statute does not give the Selectmen the authority to sell town-owned conservation land which is managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission in accordance with RSA 36-A, any part of a town forest established under RSA 31:110 and managed under 31:112, or any real estate that has been given, devised, or bequeathed to the town for charitable or community purposes. If approved, this article remains effective until later rescinded by town meeting vote.

Article 28:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be added to the Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established; and further, if Article 27 passes, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund pursuant to RSA 41:14a and RSA 35:15. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0)

Article 29:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0)

Article 30:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0)

Article 31:

To see if the town will vote to accept as a Class V town road "Kidder Drive" a roadway constructed between Loon Lake Road and Freedom Point Road by Freedom Shore LLC as approved by the Planning Board October 2004, such acceptance to be effective May 1, 2008 upon passing a final inspection by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 32: (By Petition)

To see if the town of Freedom will approve the use of the tables in the town hall for the use of civic groups in Freedom at no cost. The organizations

would be required to request the number of the tables to be borrowed and specify where they were to be used and for how long, other than being used in the town hall. The organizations will also be responsible for any repairs or replacement of the tables that are not returned in the original condition. These tables were purchased jointly by the town and town civic organizations. The current policy is to charge a \$75. deposit and a \$5. rental for each table.

Article 33: (By Petition)

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$1,000 to enhance the town's web site and create a Citizen Web Site Advisory Committee to consider ways to optimize the town's web site to improve communication to citizens. This work will be complete by the next town meeting.

Article 34:

To review real estate acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed since the last annual Town Meeting to consider whether or not to see any or all such properties and the appropriate terms and conditions regarding their sale.

Article 35:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this fourth day of February in the year of the Lord two thousand eight.

A true copy, attest

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Donna M. Cupka

James W. Brown

BUDGET 2008
OF THE TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008

	Appropriations Prior Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION			
General Government			
Executive	21,150	21,150	21,150
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	5,250	5,360	9,400
Financial Administration	143,607	142,103	164,720
Revaluation of Property	27,060	27,060	27,060
Legal Expenses.....	23,000	16,312	23,000
Personnel Administration.....	37,800	28,506	37,685
Planning and Zoning	16,150	15,421	12,050
General Government Buildings	25,250	24,952	30,850
Cemeteries	2,225	1,025	2,700
Insurance	33,686	34,928	35,296
Advertising & Regional Association	1,750	1,750	1,792
Public Safety			
Police	254,135	247,564	283,029
Ambulance	25,000	24,996	25,375
Fire	83,875	85,138	135,075
Building Inspection	11,174	11,296	13,043
Hydrants, Dam Safety	6,332	5,832	8,440
Highway and Streets			
Highway and Streets	816,933	685,607	711,409
Street Lighting	8,000	9,661	10,000
Sanitation			
Solid Waste Disposal	179,353	161,943	180,837
Health			
Health Officer			2,300
Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	10,894	10,894	11,094
Welfare			
Vendor Payments & Other	3,900	4,594	10,150
Culture and Recreation			
Parks and Recreation	7,125	5,703	7,575

Library	56,943	56,943	59,775
Patriotic Purposes.....	1,140	996	1,000
Other Culture and Recreation	2,000	2,000	2,500

Conservation

Admin. & Purchase of
Natural Resources 17,800 16,770 13,800

Debt Service

Princ. – Long Term Bonds			
& Notes	125,812	125,812	125,812
Interest – Long Term Bonds			
& Notes	15,852	15,401	11,323
Interest on TANs	19,000	19,018	20,000

Capital Outlay

Machinery, Vehicle & Equipment	34,301	33,358	57,745
Buildings	5,118	5,118	20,000
Improvements			
Other Than Buildings.....	9,200	9,200	62,700

Operating Transfer Out

To Capital Reserve Fund 98,244 98,244 90,000
Total Appropriations \$2,129,059 \$1,954,655 \$2,228,685

Estimated Revenue	Actual Revenue	Estimated Revenue
Prior Year	Prior Year	Ensuing FY

SOURCE OF REVENUE

Taxes

Land Use Changes Taxes	\$12,000.....	\$8,500	\$8,000
Timber Taxes	7,335.....	4,614	5,000
Other Taxes – Boat	5,000.....	4,397	5,000
Interest & Penalties			
on Delinquent Taxes.....	42,000.....	46,145	42,000

Licenses, Permits and Fees

Business Licenses & Permits	17,000.....	17,849	18,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees.....	290,000.....	288,348	280,000
Building Permits.....	18,000.....	31,665	20,000
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees ..	32,000.....	43,247	17,000

From State			
Shared Revenue	3,000.....	6,875	3,000
Meal & Rooms Tax Distribution	50,000.....	60,062	55,000
Highway Block Grant	68,011.....	68,011	70,400
From Other Governments	8,600.....	8,600	8,600
Charges For Services			
Income from Departments	0.....	1,064	1,000
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	0	0	0
Interest on Investments.....	14,000.....	21,326	18,000
Other.....	15,000.....	24,843	20,000
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits\$581,946		\$635,546	\$571,000
Appropriations Recommended			\$2,228,685
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits			\$571,000
Amount of Taxes to be Raised			\$1,657,685

DETAIL OF REVENUE
Fiscal Year 2007

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Property Tax Levy	4,991,949
Interest & Penalties Late Taxes	46,145
Land Use Change	8,500
Yield Tax	5,614
Boat Tax	<u>4,397</u>
	5,056,605
State Aid:	
Shared Revenue Block Grant	6,875
Meals & Rooms Distribution	60,062
Highway Block Grant	<u>68,011</u>
	134,948
Transfer Station:	
Permits	25,590
Tipping Fees	12,665
Recycling Revenue	<u>6,283</u>
	44,538
Building Inspector:	
Permits	31,665
Police Department:	
Reports	176
Special Detail Fees	<u>888</u>
	1,064
Selectmen:	
Copies-Printouts-Maps-Regulations	1,759
Donations	6,200
Other Permits & Fees	1,191
Fines & Forfeits	2,865
Planning Board Fees	1,525
ZBA Fees	2,140
Zoning Violation	0
Town of Eaton (Fire)	8,600
Cable TV Franchise Fee	17,090
Motor Vehicle Registrations	288,348
Interest Income	21,326
Dog Licenses	618
Insurance Prem Refund	3,192
Unexpended Balance P/Y Approp	<u>3,821</u>
TOTAL	<u>5,627,495</u>

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Budget and Actual

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007

	GENERAL FUND		SPECIAL REVENUE		TRUST FUNDS		TOTAL ACTUAL
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVOR-(UNFAV)	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	
REVENUES							
Taxes - Property	4,991,293	4,991,949	20,656	0	0	0	4,991,949
Taxes - Timber	7,335	5,614	(1,721)	0	0	0	5,614
Taxes - Land Use Change	12,000	8,500	(3,500)	0	0	0	8,500
Boat Registrations	5,000	4,397	(603)	0	0	0	4,397
Motor Vehicle Registrations	290,000	288,348	(1,652)	0	0	0	288,348
Interest & Penalties Delinquent Taxes	42,000	46,145	4,145	0	0	0	46,145
Interest Income	14,000	21,326	7,326	36	12,422	33,784	
Intergovernmental	134,948	134,948	0	494,062	3,000	632,010	
Miscellaneous	100,600	126,268	25,668	39,060	0	165,328	
Total Revenues	5,577,176	5,627,495	50,319	533,158	15,422	6,176,075	
EXPENDITURES							
General Government	502,292	484,166	18,126	29,094	0	513,260	
Public Safety	420,417	412,085	8,332	170,819	0	582,904	
Public Works	830,051	700,387	129,664	335,996	0	1,036,383	
Health & Sanitation	199,447	182,037	17,410	0	0	182,037	
Welfare	3,900	4,594	(694)	0	0	4,594	
Cultural & Recreation	67,208	65,641	1,567	0	0	65,641	
Education	3,073,829	3,073,829	0	0	0	3,073,829	
County Tax	424,288	424,288	0	0	0	424,288	
Total Expenditures	5,521,432	5,347,027	174,405	535,909	0	5,882,936	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES							
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	55,744	280,468	224,724	(2,751)	15,422	293,139	
Operating Transfers (Net)	55,744	55,744	0	(15,930)	(89,814)	0	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES							
FUND BALANCE AT JANUARY 1, 2007	663,522	613,522	0	37,434	293,760	0	
FUND BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2007	663,522	838,246	224,724	50,613	398,996	1,287,855	

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2007

	BALANCE 01/01/07	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED	TRANSFER TO GENL FUND REVENUE	BALANCE 12/31/07
INTERFUND TRANSFERS IN:					
Cemetery P/C Int.	3,261	639	175	0	3,725
Conservation - Invasive Weed Control	0	7,500	7,500	0	0
Fire - Equipment	0	7,744	7,744	0	0
Total Transfers In	3,261	15,883	15,419	0	3,725
GIFTS AND DONATIONS:					
General Government:					
Town Hall - Kitchen	616	100	0	0	716
Public Safety:					
Police Dept	1,297	700	0	0	1,997
Fire Dept	550	908	708	0	750
Highways:					
Highway Dept	260	200	28	0	432
Culture and Recreation:					
Recreation	790	300	0	0	1,090
Total Gifts and Donations	3,513	2,208	736	0	4,985
HIGHWAY:					
Escrow-Kidder Dr - Engineering	0	2,000	2,000	0	0
POLICE:					
SPEED (Grant)	0	1,868	2,561	0	-693
Outside Detail	0	6,654	6,654	0	0
Total Outside Detail	0	8,522	9,215	0	-693
GRANTS:					
Highway - FEMA - Storm Damage	0	333,968	333,968	0	0
Fire - Fed'l - New Fire Vihicle	0	147,152	147,152	0	0
Fire - State - Hazardous Mat	0	6,000	6,000	0	0
Total Grants	0	487,120	487,120	0	0
CONSERVATION:					
Conservation - Milfoil Gifts	2,150	3,900	5,950	0	100
Conservation - Gifts	430	0	235	0	195
Conservation - Land Use Tax	13,885	0	0	0	13,885
Stewardship - Gifts	1,500	500	1,401	0	599
Trout Pond Forest Stewardship	10,021	34	8,955	0	1,100
Town Forest Maintenance	2,674	24,818	0	0	27,492
Moose Plate Grant	0	4,056	4,056	0	0
WHIP Grant	0	0	775	0	-775
Total Conservation	30,660	33,308	21,372	0	42,596
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	37,434	549,041	535,862	0	50,613
ACTIVITY BY FUNCTION:					
General Government	3,877	739	175	0	4,441
Public Safety	1,847	171,026	170,819	0	2,054
Highways	260	336,168	335,996	0	432
Conservation	30,660	40,808	28,872	0	42,596
Culture and Recreation	790	300	0	0	1,090
	37,434	549,041	535,862	0	50,613

PROPERTY VALUATION INVENTORY SCHEDULE

	Acres	2007 Assessed Valuation	Totals
Value of Land Only			
A. Current Use.....	11,339.....	\$854,169	
(at current use values)			
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment	120.6.....	12,224	
C. Residential	6,428	304,764,700	
D. Commercial/Industrial	415	6,164,800	
Total of Taxable Land			\$311,795,893
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Land (\$13,700,600)			
Value of Buildings Only			
A. Residential	\$210,746,036		
B. Manufactured Housing	19,688,500		
C. Commercial/Industrial.....	5,935,800		
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement (5 structures)	20,064		
Total of Taxable Buildings			\$236,390,400
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Buildings (\$9,192,200)			
Public Utilities – Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution including production, machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc.			
Electric	\$2,816,500		
Water Company	118,400		
Total Public Utilities			\$2,934,900
Valuation Before Exemptions		\$551,121,193	
Blind Exemptions RSA 72:37 - Total Number Granted 1 ..	\$15,000		
Elderly Exemptions RSA 72:39, 72:43f & 72:43h - Total Number Granted 17	586,000		
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$601,000	
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed		\$550,520,193	
Less Public Utilities	2,934,900		
Net Valuation without utilities which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is Computed		\$547,585,293	

COMBINED STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Purpose of Appropriation

General Government

Town Officers Salaries.....	\$21,150
Election & Registration	5,250
Town Officers Expenses	143,607
Revaluation of Property	27,060
Legal Expenses	23,000
Personnel Administration	37,800
Planning and Zoning	16,150
General Government Buildings.....	25,250
Cemeteries	2,225
Insurance	33,686
Lakes Region Planning	1,750

Public Safety

Police	254,135
Ambulance	25,000
Fire	83,875
Building Inspection	11,174
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	4,832
Safety Program	500
Water Precinct	1,000

Highway, Streets and Bridges

Highway, Streets and Bridges	816,933
Street Lighting	8,000

Sanitation

Solid Waste Disposal	179,353
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Health

Health Agencies.....	10,894
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Welfare

Vendor Payments	3,900
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Culture and Recreation

Parks & Recreation	7,125
Library	56,943
Patriotic Purposes	1,140
Old Home Week	2,000

Conservations

Administration of Natural Recourses17,800

Debt Services

Bond Principal125,812
Interest Long Term Bond15,852
Interest on TAN19,000

Capital Overlay

Machinery, Vehicles and Equipment34,301
Buildings5,118
Improvements other than buildings9,200

Operating Transfers Out

Highway10,000
Fire33,244
Transfer Station5,000
Municipal Land and Building50,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS\$2,129,059

Certification

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town meeting and special town meeting, were taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Selectmen of Freedom
Leslie Babb
Donna Cupka
James Brown

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES 2007 APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officers Salaries

Selectmen	\$12,000
Town Clerk	3,000
Tax Collector.....	3,000
Town Treasurer	3,000
Trustee of Trust Funds	150
Expended.....	\$21,150
Appropriated	<u>21,150</u>
Balance.....	0

Town Office Expenses

Town Clerk Fees	\$8,508
Deputy Town Clerk.....	1,239
Tax Collector Fees & Costs	9,407
Reimbursable Expense	1,190
Administrative Assistant	38,367
Staff Support	21,823
Computer Support.....	9,452
Dues	1,996
Tax Map Updates	5,903
Meeting/Training	113
Office Supplies	7,963
Telephone/Internet.....	5,523
Printing, Postage, Notices	2,863
Health/Dental Insurance	15,449
Life/Disability Insurance	982
Retirement	903
Professional Audit.....	7,600
Bank Fees.....	551
Equipment Purchase.....	883
Misc	368
Expended.....	\$141,083
Appropriated	<u>143,607</u>
Under run	\$2,524

Election & Registration	
Workers	\$1,370
Printing/Advertising	2,863
Training	70
Equipment and Supplies	649
Expended.....	\$4,952
Appropriated	<u>5,250</u>
Under run	\$298
Special Town Meeting Expenses (excluding administration costs)	
Research	\$468
Advertising.....	102
Postage and Mailings	450
Election Officials	408
Legal	2,639
Expended.....	\$4,067
Appropriated	<u>0</u>
Overrun	\$4,067
Revaluation of Property	Expended.....\$27,060
	Appropriated
	<u>27,060</u>
Balance.....	0
Legal Expenses	
Town Office.....	\$8,117
Planning Board	2,444
Zoning Board	3,112
Expended.....	\$13,673
Appropriated	<u>23,000</u>
Under run	\$9,327
Payroll Taxes	Expended.....\$28,506
	Appropriated
	<u>37,800</u>
Under run	\$9,294

Planning and Zoning	Expended.....	\$7,019
	Appropriated	<u>6,050</u>
	Overrun	\$969
Zoning Officer		
Part Time Salary		\$3,726
Expenses.....		175
	Expended.....	\$3,901
	Appropriated	<u>5,600</u>
	Under run	\$1,699
Town Building		
Janitorial Services		\$6,400
Maintenance		18,552
	Expended.....	\$24,952
	Appropriated	<u>25,250</u>
	Under run	\$298
Cemetery	Expended.....	\$1,025
	Appropriated	<u>2,225</u>
	Under run	\$1,200
Insurance	Expended.....	\$34,928
	Appropriated	<u>33,686</u>
	Overrun	\$1,242
Advertising & Regional Associations		
Lakes Region Planning	Expended.....	\$1,750
	Appropriated	<u>1,750</u>
	Balance.....	\$0
Safety & Management Programs	Expended	\$0
	Appropriated	<u>500</u>
	Under run	\$500

Police Department

Chief Salary	\$50,336
Full Time Salary	74,510
Part Time Salaries	19,141
Retirement	14,067
Health & Dental Insurance	52,242
Life & Disability Insurance	1,205
Gasoline	8,817
Repairs	5,376
Office/Operating Supplies.....	5,280
Meetings/Training	339
Uniforms	4,974
Telephone	2,810
Equipment	7,091
Animal Control Expense	154
Dare	304
Misc	918
Expended.....	\$247,564
Appropriated	<u>254,135</u>
Under run	\$6,571

Fire Department

Member's Reimbursable	\$15,000
Chief's Reimbursable	12,000
Training	1,460
Prevention.....	442
Mutual Aid Dues.....	4,500
Utilities	13,410
Equipment Purchases	7,756
Vehicle Repairs & Gas	10,174
Building Maintenance.....	3,408
Turnout Gear	5,263
Radio Repairs	1,639
First Responders	2,879
Operating/Office Expense.	1,909
Misc	475
Expended.....	\$80,315
Appropriated	<u>78,875</u>
Overrun	\$1,440

Forest Fire Protection	.....Expended.....	\$4,823
	Appropriated	<u>5,000</u>
	Under run	\$177
 Water Precinct		
	.....Expended.....	\$1,000
	Appropriated	<u>1,000</u>
	Balance.....	\$0
 Building Inspector		
Part Time Salary		\$9,333
Expenses		1,963
	.....Expended.....	\$11,296
	Appropriated	<u>11,174</u>
	Overrun	\$122
 Health & Social Services		
Ambulance		\$24,996
C.C. Mental Health.....		1,433
Children Unlimited		1,600
Community Action Program.....		3,500
White Mountain Health Center.....		1,686
Visiting Nurse Service		1,535
Starting Point		555
Red Cross		585
	.....Expended.....	\$35,890
	Appropriated	<u>35,894</u>
	Under run	\$4
 Welfare/General Assistance.....	.....Expended.....	\$4,594
	Appropriated	<u>3,900</u>
	Overrun	\$694
 Parks & Recreation .....	.....Expended.....	\$5,703
	Appropriated	<u>7,125</u>
	Under run	\$1,422

Library	Expended.....	\$56,943
	Appropriated	<u>56,943</u>
	Balance.....	\$0

Patriotic Purposes

Old Home Week .....	.....	\$2,000
Other.....	.....	996
	Expended.....	\$2,996
	Appropriated	<u>3,140</u>

Under run\$144

Conservation Commission	Expended.....	1,770
	Appropriated	<u>2,800</u>
	Under run	\$1,030

Bond Principal	Expended.....	\$125,812
	Appropriated	<u>125,812</u>
	Balance.....	\$0

Interest Expense

T.A.N. .....	.....	\$19,018
Bond .....	.....	15,401
	Expended.....	\$34,419
	Appropriated	<u>34,852</u>

Under run\$433

Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	Expended.....	\$4,832
	Appropriated	<u>4,832</u>
	Balance.....	\$0

Highway Maintenance

Summer

Labor .....	.....	\$72,202
Rental Equipment .....	.....	28,190
Materials .....	.....	18,965
Road Striping .....	.....	5,236
Contract Services .....	.....	<u>36,199</u>

Total Summer Maintenance.....\$160,792

Winter

Labor	\$97,202
Rental Equipment	88,489
Materials	39,784
Village Snow Removal.....	<u>896</u>
Total Winter Maintenance	\$226,371

General Highway Expense	\$115,482
Health & Dental Insurance	49,971
Life/Disability Insurance.....	1,135
Retirement	2,563

Expended.....	\$556,314
Appropriated	<u>603,893</u>

Under run	\$47,579
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Highway Flood Disaster.....	Expended..... \$27,239
	Appropriated..... <u>108,630</u>

Under run.....	\$81,391
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Street Lights	Expended..... 9,661
	Appropriated

Overrun	\$1,661
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Transfer Station

Labor	\$35,840
Health & Dental Insurance	21,109
Life/Disability Insurance	471
Retirement	1,027
Engineering	7,019
Transfer Fees	86,181
Household Hazardous Waste Fee	1,949
Utilities/Maintenance	6,926
Operating Expense	1,421

Expended.....	\$161,943
Appropriated	<u>179,353</u>

Under run	\$17,410
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Capital Reserve

Highway Equipment	\$10,000
Fire Department Equipment	33,244
Transfer Station	5,000
Municipal Land/Building	50,000
	Expended.....
	<u>\$98,244</u>
	Appropriated
	<u>98,244</u>
	Balance.....
	\$0

Capital Outlay/Individual Articles

Police Department – Vehicle.....	27,098
Police Department – Radar Trailer	3,760
Zoning Ordinance Legal Review	4,500
Highway Department – Re-roof Garage.....	5,118
Sealcoat Town Roads	39,634
Repave Town Roads	62,420
Fire Department – Generator	2,500
Transfer Station – Concrete Pad	9,200
Town Forester	5,000
Milfoil Control	7,500
Water Quality Testing	2,500
	Expended.....
	<u>\$169,230</u>
	Appropriated
	<u>172,529</u>
	Under run
	\$3,299

TOTAL BUDGET UNDERRUN.....\$174,405

Highway Flood Disaster

Appropriated Special Town Meeting 10/16/07	\$108,630.00
FEMA Reimbursement thru 12/31/07.....	<u>280,445.30</u>
Total Funds Available.....	\$389,075.30
Expended thru 12/31/07	\$280,445.30
	<u>27,239.19</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>307,684.49</u>
	\$81,390.81

(Final FEMA reimbursement pending \$1,544.07)

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Appropriations.....	\$2,129,059	
Less: Revenues	651,921	
Less: Shared Revenues.....	3,058	
Add: Overlay	49,027	
War Service Credits	<u>38,450</u>	
Net Town Appropriation	\$1,561,557	Town Rate
Approved Tax/City Tax Effort	\$1,561,557	2.83
SCHOOL PORTION		
Net Local School Budget.....	3,073,829	Local School Rate
State Education Tax	<u>(1,120,323)</u>	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	\$1,953,506	3.55
STATE EDUCATION TAXES		
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x 2.24		
500,144,161	\$1,120,323	
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		State School Rate
547,585,293		
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted		
To State Pay to State	0	2.05
COUNTY PORTION		
Due to County	\$424,288	County Rate
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>(904)</u>	
Approved County Tax Effort	\$423,384	.77
	TOTAL RATE	<hr/> 9.20
Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$5,058,770	
Less: War Service Credits	<u>(38,450)</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment.....	\$5,020,320	
PROOF OF RATE		
Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	2.05	1,120,323
All Other Taxes	7.15	3,938,447
		<hr/> \$5,058,770

TOWN OWNED EQUIPMENT In Excess of \$1,000

Highway

1963 York Rake
2000 Cat 924C Hough Loader
1992 Morbark Chipper
2003 International All Wheel Drive
2006 Ford F550 One Ton
1991 MB Sweeper
1994 Billy Goat
2006 Hiway 12' stainless steel sander
2001 Hiway 3 yd stainless steel sander
2000 Hiway 5 yd stainless steel sander
1999 Hiway 5 yd stainless steel sander
1999 Shoulder Gravel Machine
1997 Gallon Grader
2001 Pressure Washer
Miller Generator

Police Department

2004 Chevy Tahoe
2 2006 Ford Crown Victoria
3 Kustom Golden Eagle II Radar units
4 Laptop computers
3 Mobile Motorola Astro Digital Radio
4 Portable Motorola XTS 3000 Digital Radios
1 Polaris Ranger ATV

Fire Department

2006 F550 Ford Forestry Truck
2000 F350 Ford Rescue Truck
1996 Spartan Fire Truck
1989 Mack Fire Truck
1985 Chevy Tank Truck
1948 Military Forestry Truck
1926 Seagrave Fire Truck
2004 Portable Deck Gun
1996 Stinger Deck Gun
2006 (23) XTS 2500i Portable Radios
2004 (4) Motorola Astro Digital Radios
1996 100 Watt Kenwood Radio
1998 Jaws of Life Power Unit
1998 Hurst 60" Hydraulic Ram
1998 Hurst 30" Hydraulic Ram

1998 Hurst Combi Tool Spreader Cutter
1998 Hurst Cutter
2004 Stabilization Kit
MSA 5500 Thermal Imaging Camera
10 MSA Airpacks
Honda Generator
2007 13,000 watt Honda Generator
10,000 Watt Diesel Generator
Multi Gas Meter
2 Darley Portable Pumps
2000 275 Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2002 450 Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2007 75 gallon Skid Unit with Pump/Reel
2006 Akron Hose Tester
2007 Can Am 4x4 ATV

Transfer Station

2 Hydraulic Compactors, Boxes
12' Snowpusher
1995 Case 560L Backhoe

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY SCHEDULE
Assessed Values
As of April 1st, 2007

Town Hall, Town Office, Land and Buildings	.....\$745,500
Furniture and Equipment	.....72,000
Roller Shed, Land and Building	.....75,000
Library, Land and Buildings	.....426,000
Furniture and Equipment	.....50,000
Police Department Equipment	.....100,000
Fire Department, Land and Buildings	.....364,700
Equipment	.....991,000
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	.....171,200
Equipment	.....325,000
Materials and Supplies	.....22,000
Transfer/Recycling Facility, Land and Buildings	.....125,500
Equipment	.....90,000
Parks, Commons, Playgrounds and Beaches	.....829,700
Schools, Land and Building	.....2,541,100
Furniture and Equipment	.....135,100
Conservation Commission	.....699,500
Trout Pond Town Forest	.....2,748,400
All Land Acquired Through Tax Collectors Deeds	.....214,800
All Other Property	
Fox Run Lot	.....120,600
Backland off Cushing Corner Road	
Abuts Morrow/Hayes – Owners Uncertain	.....34,700
	\$10,881,800

SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

Liability at Beginning of Year	\$1,070,636
Assessment for Current Year	3,073,829
Total Liability with in Current Year.....	\$4,144,465
Total Liability with in Current Year	
Payments made to School District	\$2,795,636
Liability at End of Year	1,348,829
Total	\$4,144,465

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

New Issues During Current Year	\$1,695,000
Issues Retired During.....	1,695,000

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2007

General Fund

	BEGINNING	ENDING
ASSETS:		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash	1,358,795	1,763,104
Taxes Receivable	302,151	352,748
Tax Liens Receivable	91,355	78,760
Accounts Receivable	7,110	13,130
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,759,411</u>	<u>2,207,742</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Warrants and Accounts Payable	2,995	200
Due To School District	1,070,636	1,348,829
Other Payables	1,258	3,151
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,074,889</u>	<u>1,352,180</u>
FUND EQUITY:		
Reserve For Encumbrances	21,000	17,316
Undesignated Fund Balance	663,522	838,246
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>684,522</u>	<u>855,562</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>1,759,411</u>	<u>2,207,742</u>

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2007

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	BEGINNING	ENDING
ASSETS:		
Current Assets:		
Cash	37,025	49,974
Due From Other Funds	438	686
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>37,463</u>	<u>50,660</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	29	47
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>29</u>	<u>47</u>
FUND EQUITY:		
Reserve For Special Purposes	37,434	50,613
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>37,434</u>	<u>50,613</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>37,463</u>	<u>50,660</u>

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUE</u>	<u>GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT</u>	<u>TRUST</u>	<u>TOTALS (Memorandum Only)</u> <u>12/31/07</u> <u>12/31/06</u>
ASSETS					
Current Assets:					
Cash And Equivalents	1,763,104	49,974	0	399,682	2,212,760
Taxes Receivable	352,748	0	0	0	352,748
Tax Liens Receivable	78,760	0	0	0	78,760
Accounts Receivable	13,130	0	0	0	91,355
Due From Other Governments	0	0	0	0	13,130
Due From Other Funds	0	686	0	0	7,110
Amount To Be Provided For Retirement					0
Of Bonds Payable					0
TOTAL ASSETS	0	50,660	377,436	399,682	2,594,320
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities:					
Warrants And Accounts Payable	200	47	0	0	247
Due To School District	1,348,829	0	0	0	1,348,829
Due To State	0	0	0	0	0
Bonds Payable	0	0	377,436	0	377,436
Due To Other Funds	0	0	0	686	686
Other Payables	3,151	0	0	0	3,151
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,352,180	47	377,436	686	1,730,349
FUND EQUITY:					
Reserve For Special Purposes	17,316	50,613	0	398,996	466,925
Undesignated Fund Balance	838,246	0	0	0	838,246
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	855,562	50,613	0	398,996	1,305,171
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	2,207,742	50,660	377,436	399,682	3,035,520

DEBT AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

Purpose	Road Upgrade
Annual Installment	\$125,812
Interest Rate.....	3.60
Date of Final Payment	04/14/10
Bonds o/s at beginning of year	503,248
Bonds issued this year	0
Bonds Retired this year	0
Bonds o/s at end of year	377,436

Annual required to amortize all general obligation (debt as of 12/31/07)

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2008	\$125,812.00	\$11,323.08	\$137,135.08
2009	125,812.00	6,793.85	132,605.85
2010	<u>125,812.00</u>	<u>2,264.62</u>	<u>128,076.62</u>
	\$377,436.00	\$20,381.55	\$397,817.55

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

(January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007)

Report of Revenue Received

2572	Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$288,347.77
204	Dog Licenses	1,235.00
33	Vital Copies	324.00
11	Marriage Licenses	495.00
	Dump Permits	320.00
	Dog Fines/Penalties	37.00
	Filing Fees	18.00
	Wetlands Applications	40.00
	Postage	26.00
	Pole Line Easements	30.00
	UCC filings	450.00
	Eight titles	16.00
	Photo Copies	3.00
	TOTAL:	<u>\$291,341.77*</u>

[Note: \$8.00 "insufficient" funds check in December 2007; recovered January 2008]

Respectfully submitted,

A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
Fiscal year ending December 31, 2007**

DEBITS

		Levies of:
	2007	2006
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes.....		\$310,445.61
Land Use Charge.....		3,800.00
Timber Yield Taxes		4,328.96

Taxes Committed This Year:

Property Taxes	\$5,020,976.00	\$3,012.00
Land Use Change	8,500.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	5,613.89	

Overpayment:

Remaining From Prior Year	\$426.12	
New This Fiscal Year	16,857.39	
Interest – Late Tax.....	<u>315.22</u>	<u>\$11,962.90</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$5,052,688.62	\$333,549.47

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes	\$4,640,842.30	\$199,837.46
Land Use Change Taxes	8,500.00	3,800.00
Timber Yield Taxes	4,413.26	2,841.18
Interest & Penalties	315.22	11,962.90
Converted to Liens (principle only)		11,799.91
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	112.12	

Abatements Made:

Property Taxes	\$5,569.00	\$363.33
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Uncollected Revenue End of Year:

Property Taxes	\$374,564.70	\$2,471.98
Timber Yield Taxes	1,200.63	472.71
Remaining Payments – This Year	2,327.80	
This Years' Overpayments Returned	14,529.59	
Prior Years' Overpayments Returned	<u>314.00</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$5,052,688.62	\$333,549.47

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/
TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007**

	Levies of:		
	2006	2005	2004
DEBITS			
Unredeemed Liens			
Beginning of Fiscal Year:	\$61,366.15	\$37,480.08	
Liens Executed During FY	\$118,491.28		
Interest and Costs Collected	3,949.70	9,541.04	13,717.05
TOTAL DEBTS	\$122,440.98	\$70,907.19	\$51,197.13
 CREDITS			
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Redemptions.....	\$50,865.17	\$39,179.79	\$37,480.08
Interest & costs Collected	3,949.70	9,541.04	13,717.05
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	528.22		
Unredeemed Liens End of FY ..	<u>67,097.89</u>	<u>22,186.36</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$122,440.98	\$70,907.19	\$51,197.13

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2006

Conway	190.00	Toohey	333.00
Foss	95.00	Ventura	362.00
Rehm.....	327.00		

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007

Clancy	236.00	Horton	460.00
Davidson	287.00	Sargent, Brenda	250.00
Farmer's Ln Assoc.	3,464.00	Sargent, Priscilla	663.00
Gregiore	1,966.00	Schluter	230.00
Morford, Dorothy	482.00	Sillon	47.00
Morford, Creighton	805.00	Thurrell	361.00

TREASURER'S REPORT REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES

Calendar Year 2007

REVENUE BY DEPARTMENT

Tax Collector	\$5,033,652.05
Town Clerk	291,333.77
Selectmen	648,206.14
Building Inspector	31,665.25
Boat Registrations	4,396.66

INTEREST INCOME & EXPENSES

TAN Interest.....	19,018.01
Interest Income.....	21,325.78

TROUT POND TOWN FOREST STEWARDSHIP ACCOUNT

TOTAL CASH ON HAND 12-31-07	\$1,813,078.20
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Note:

Due to a bank error in calculating our interest on our TAN (tax anticipated note), credit of \$390.82 was refunded, but it won't appear on the December 2007 bank account. It will be credited in January 2008. Because of this bank error, this account did not over run the 2007 budget. TAN interest should have been \$18,627.19.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ralph Kazanjian
Town Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

The year 2007 was a good year. The tax bills went out early and despite the slow economy, the townspeople paid their bills quite rapidly.

This year was a tough year for borrowing money because interest rates were up. However, tough negotiations prevailed and I was able to get a good rate on our TAN (tax anticipation note). It cost the town NOTHING to borrow \$1.7 million. (See Treasurer's Report)

Early on, I had the bank eliminate the service charges and analysis fees on the business accounts. I put the town money into sweep accounts which gave us a better return on our money.

This year I made every effort to protect and invest the townspeople's money wisely, and I will continue to do so as long as I am given the opportunity. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Town Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ralph Kazanjian
Town Treasurer



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Freedom
Freedom, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Freedom as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Freedom as of December 31, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Freedom's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

November 5, 2007

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

TOWN EMPLOYEES

Police	.....Mark Andrews	\$1,561
	.....JoAnne Gayer	1,708
	.....Robert King	4,848
	.....James Mullen.....	4,051
	.....Josh Shackford.....	52,200
	.....Teresa Shackford	6,860
	.....Francis Suprenard, Jr.	47,056
	.....Peter Tourigny	22,104
 Highway	.....Devin Bolduc	5,041
	.....Lance Bolduc.....	21,930
	.....Scott Brooks, Sr.	67,604
	.....Scott Brooks, Jr	2,220
	.....Norman Holden	8,758
	.....James MacDonald	38,387
	.....Michael MacDonald	2,001
	.....Charles Morrill	38,405
	.....Jeffrey Morrison	938
	.....Lisa Nicholson.....	3,384
	.....Brian Streeter.....	5,144
 Transfer Station	.....Justin Brooks	27,848
	.....Harold Libby	176
	.....George Stone	8,400
 Codes Officer	.....Paul Dorian	8,728
 Zoning Officer	.....Edward Hatfield.....	2,595
	.....Peter Schiller	963
 Office	.....Holly Brooks	4,179
	.....Linda Farinella.....	11,918
	.....Amanda Feuerborn	555
	.....Karen Hatch.....	38,367
 Janitor	.....Justin Brooks	6,400
 Planning/Zoning Board/	.....Linda Farinella.....	1,973
Conservation Secretarial	.....Mellisa Ferland	988
	.....Lori Lenart	150
 Fire Department	.....Gene Doe	9,000

PAYROLL

TOWN OFFICERS	SALARY	FEES	EXPENSES	TOTAL
Selectmen				
Leslie Babb	4,000	675	83	4,758
Donna Cupka	4,000	225		4,225
James Breslin	1,000			1,000
James Brown	3,000			3,000
Town Clerk				
A. Elizabeth Priebe	3,000	8,930	232	12,162
Deputy Town Clerk				
Sue Brown	1,239			1,239
Treasurer				
Eric Bossidy	750			750
Ralph Kazanjian.....	2,250		762	3,012
Tax Collector				
Thomas Kondrat.....	3,000	3,292	6,115	12,407
Supervisor of Checklist				
Daniel Brooks	190			190
Albert Godfrey	60			60
Patricia McCoy	240		56	296
Moderator				
Donald Johnson	165			165
Trustee of Trust Funds				
Sue Brown				50
Patricia McCoy				50
Paul Wheeler				50

VENDORS

MAJOR SERVICE SUPPLIERS

Allstate Asphalt (HD)	\$51,020
Atco International (HD).....	1,136
Atlantic Recycling Equipment, LLC. (TS).....	535
ATS Equipment, Inc.(GD)	5,041
Avitar Assoc. of NE, Inc. (GG)	9,490
AW Direct, Inc (HD)	759
Babb, Connor (HD)	651
Babine, Robert (GG).....	765
Bergeron Protective Clothing (FD)	4,986
Berry Excavating Pit (HD)	3,132
BII Fence and Guardrail, Inc. (HD)	6,690
Boewe, George (Cemeteries).....	1,025
Brocktalk Education (FD)	1,000
GW Brooks & Sons, Inc. (HD)	93,267
Brooks, Maureen (HD)	986
Brooks Sr., Scott (HD).....	73,904
CN Brown (GG).....	16,083
Business Management Systems, Inc. (GG)	3,400
AJ Coleman & Sons, Inc. (HD).....	2,142
Coleman Concrete, Inc. (HD)	6,175
Coleman Rental Supply, Inc. (HD).....	733
Conway Truck & Service, LLC (GG)	2,299
Crossway Repair (GG)	766
Cowell's Towing and Repair, Inc (PD,FD).....	2,026
Daily Sun (GG)	2,317
Bob Davis Equipment Repair (HD)	710
Desmarais, Valarie (HD).....	767
Diamond Ledge Electronics (FD)	1,344
DiPrizio GMC Trucks, Inc. (HD)	7,119
Donahue, Tucker and Ciandella, PLLC (GG)	1,090
Dow Sand & Gravel, Inc. (HD)	80,212
East Ridge Property Maintenance LLC (GG)	2,780
Eastman's Welding (HD)	1,629
Emergency Medical Products, Inc. (FD)	1,268
English Arboriculture (HD).....	1,800
Howard P Fairfield, Inc. (HD)	2,531
Federal Licensing, Inc. (FD).....	964
Firematic Supply Co (FD)	156,890
Flagshop of VT (GG)	1,048
FR Carroll, Inc (HD)	62,420
Frechette Tire Co (HD).....	637
Freedom Automotive (PD)	1,326

Freedom Computer, Inc. (GG).....	1,360
Freedom Hardware (GG).....	2,960
Freedom Market (PD).....	.892
Galls (PD)	1,184
Gould Crane Service, Inc. (HD)	5,600
Granite State Minerals, Inc. (HD)	17,753
Green Mountain Conservation Group (GG)	2,500
Harleysville Life Insurance Co. (GG)	3,792
Hastings Law Office (GG).....	14,626
RC Hazelton Co, Inc.(HD)	8,004
HEB Engineers (GG)	6,035
Henderson, Walter (GG)	1,011
HSBC Business Solutions (HD)	2,658
Hubbard Consulting LLC (HD).....	6,000
Information Management Corp. (PD)	1,425
Irwin Motors (PD)	20,900
Isaacson Steel, Inc. (HD).....	1,146
J&S Masonry (Cemeteries)	10,740
John E Roberts Excavation (HD)	12,083
Katahdin Analytical Services (TS).....	.854
Kustom Signals Inc (PD)	3,865
L&D Safety Marking Corp (HD)	5,236
Laconia Electric Supply, Inc. (HD)	1,507
Lakes Region Fire Apparatus, Inc. (FD) .....	.626
Lakes Region Planning Commission (GG)	6,827
Lawson Products, Inc. (HD) .....	.713
Jesse E. Lyman, Inc. (GG).....	79,236
MacDonald, Harly (HD)	1,246
Maple Ridge Septic Service (GG).....	3,493
Mason, Kurt D (FD) .....	.900
SA McLean & Sons (HD)	8,311
McVey Plumbing & Heating (HD)	1,220
Meredith Ford (PD) .....	.837
Michie Corp (HD)	1,200
Miller Auto Dealership (PD) .....	.854
Milton Cat (HD)	5,674
Morton Salt (HD).....	19,225
Motorola (PD)	3,629
NEBS (GG).....	.871
Neptune Uniform & Equipment (HD).....	3,414
NE Truck Tire Center, Inc. (HD).....	2,471
NH Correctional Industries (HD)	1,475
New Pig (HD)	1,150
Northeast Resource Recovery Association (TS)	1,234
Office Depot (GG)	3,747

Ossipee Aggregates (HD)	5,861
Ossipee Auto Parts (PD,FD,HD).....	6,487
Ossipee Mountain Electronics, Inc. (GG)	15,570
Owens Leasing Co, LLC. (HD).....	10,530
Palmer Springs Co.(HD).....	657
Pine Tree Engineering, Inc. (TS).....	6,165
Pine Tree Waste (TS).....	85,097
Plodzik & Sanderson (GG)	7,600
Porter Office Machines, Corp. (GG)	849
Postmaster Freedom (GG)	3,371
Primex (GG)	35,370
Public Safety Center, Inc.(FD)	1,034
PSNH (GG)	21,543
Brett S. Purvis & Associates, Inc. (GG)	25,030
Rymes Heating Oils, Inc. (GG)	720
Schaeffers Specialized Lubricants (HD)	1,853
Skehan Home Center (GG)	5,888
E.W. Sleeper (HD)	1,580
SPS (GG)	763
Staples (GG)	2,783
Stuart, John A. (HD)	4,200
Sturgeon, Robert (HD)	1,500
Team EJP (HD)	5,292
Timberline Auto Body, Inc. (PD)	667
Time Warner Cable (GG)	1,137
Tourigny, Peter (HD)	667
UCOM (FD)	702
Underground Press (GG)	3,022
Unifirst Corp. (HD)	4,106
Verizon (GG)	7,244
Verizon Wireless (PF, FD)	3,742
Water Industries, Inc. (HD)	1,179
West Group Payment Center(GG,PD)	697
White Mountain Survey Co. Inc.(GG)	1,062
White Mountains Fire Arms (PD)	1,810
White Mountains Precast, LLC (HD)	62,389
Wildfire (FD)	3,985
W.S. Darley and Co.(FD).....	1,140
Katrina Williams Graphic Design (GG)	560

FD – Fire Department

GG – General Government

HD – Highway Department

PD – Police Department

TS – Transfer Station

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

One of the most wonderful things about the Freedom Public Library is how rich it is in volunteer and community support. Director Elizabeth Rhymer and Assistant Judy Johnson head up a crew of dedicated volunteers who cover all but four of the library's open hours. Other volunteers put in countless hours on special projects and programs, including keeping our planters filled with flowers, hanging art exhibits on display downstairs year-round, organizing and publicizing public lectures, and baking cookies for Pizza and Movie nights. Pat Parker, Assistant Librarian for several years, retired this year. The library's collection is automated thanks in large part to her leadership on that project.

The library was pleased to receive a sponsorship from the Children's Literacy Foundation last fall. We received 100 brand new hardcover books for the children's collection. The director of CliF presented the books to the library at an all-school assembly at the Freedom Elementary School. The library continues to enjoy a close relationship with the school including collaboration on projects and events. Nearly every student has a library card. The 2nd grade walks to the library throughout the year and 5th graders have also come to select books for book reports. Students regularly get off the bus at the library to hang out with friends, work on homework and use the computers.

Wednesday morning story hour remains a popular time for preschoolers and their caretakers. They have fun with stories, songs, and rhythm instruments and every week they make a craft. Last summer was the first time the preschoolers performed at the Old Home Week talent show. They were awfully cute playing their rhythm sticks that night.

The Summer Reading Program is a highlight of the year. 63 children actively participated, 12 more than last year. The theme was Paws to Read and this year the children's reading not only earned them incentives, but also pet food to donate to the Conway Area Humane Society. Jim Shuff donated his time and his Goin' Places bus for the library's first field trip. An excited group of parents and kids delivered a huge pile of food, toys and treats to the humane society and visited with the animals up for adoption. This event was televised on the area's public access channel. Other popular library programs included a program on ferrets and a beading workshop.

Pizza and Movie nights were held on Fridays through the summer followed by a teen program where teens played "Dance Dance Revolution" and "Guitar Hero" on the library's PlayStation. A six-week writing workshop led by Jim Clemons was so popular that it was extended two weeks.

We are now part of a downloadable audio service offered through the State Library. Patrons are able to download audio books for free. The old card catalog was replaced this year with two computer search terminals. Many thanks to Peter Kondrat for building a counter for the terminals that matches the main desk. The wireless internet is popular especially in the summer, allowing summer visitors to get online with their laptops. We're especially proud of the library's website www.freedompubliclibrary.org which serves as a resource for community as well as library information. The town column which appears in local papers is now available on the website. New this year is the ability to search the library's catalog from home. Trustee minutes and Librarian's reports are now available on the website.

The Friends of the Library group again raised a significant amount of money to support the library's programs, services and technology. They sponsored two lectures of the New Hampshire Humanities Council, two professional performances for children, and paid the expenses of the summer reading program. We are grateful for all the support the Friends provide.

We invite all Freedom residents to visit and discover what a community treasure we have here at Freedom Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Scully, Chair

Karin Schiller, Secretary

Bill Stoops, Treasurer

Anne Cunningham, Alternate

Assets on Hand January 1, 2007

Checking	\$ 3,299.36
Savings	\$ 13,389.23
Money Market Fund	\$ -
Centennial Fund	\$ 25.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 13,883.68
Moreno Fund	\$ 2,387.11
Cayford Trust	\$ 6,698.00
Williams Fund	\$ 19,294.61
Total Assets 1/1/07	\$ 58,976.99

Receipts

Book Sales & Conscience Fund	\$ 1,278.42
Town of Freedom Appropriation	\$ 56,943.00
Fax/Copier	\$ 245.00
Other Income	\$ 1,076.16
Donations	\$ 4,000.00
Friends	\$ 3,000.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 1,000.00
CD Interest	\$ 1,898.22
Moreno Fund	\$ 2.46
Endowment Fund	\$ 727.81
Williams Fund	\$ 876.77
Cayford Fund	\$ 291.18
Bank Account Interest	\$ 317.78
Savings	\$ 43.11
Money Market	\$ 274.67
Total Receipts 2007	\$ 65,758.58

Total Assets + Receipts 2007

\$ 124,735.57

Expenditures 2007

Books & Video	\$ 6,966.85
Computer	\$ 3,231.96
Dues & Conferences	\$ 571.42
Electricity	\$ 2,287.64
Grounds	\$ 3,107.69
Heat	\$ 3,554.47
Maintenance	\$ 4,592.37
Other	\$ 956.32
Periodicals	\$ 423.99
Postage	\$ 142.58
Supplies	\$ 1,331.34
Taxes paid by the library	\$ 2,540.78
Telephone	\$ 870.69
Wages	\$ 30,732.17
Water	\$ 475.00
Total Expenditures 2007	\$ 61,785.27

Assets 1/1/08

Checking	\$ (2,491.61)
Savings	\$ -
Money Market	\$ 22,151.35
Centennial Fund	\$ 25.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 17,272.95
Moreno Fund	\$ -
Cayford Trust	\$ 6,698.00
Williams Fund	\$ 19,294.61
Total Assets 1/01/08	\$ 62,950.30
Total Expenditures + Assets 1/01/08	\$ 124,735.57

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT

The big question on everybody's mind is why did taxes go up so much? Is it just my taxes that went up because the value of my house went up?

The biggest jump was in the school taxes with 71.5% of the increase. Although with the need for disaster appropriations and the decrease in revenues the town portion was 23% of the increase with the county at 5.5%. I've done a chart below to show all the tax increases per thousand.

The State of New Hampshire mandates how properties are assessed. Through the DRA (Department of Revenue Administration) using the IAAO Standards. The goal of the standards is that properties be assessed within 10% of market value. Our 2006 median ration calculated by DRA showed we were at 76.2%. DRA's review of 2007 determined that we "fall well within the IAAO guidelines for assessment equity and uniformity." This is not unique to the Town of Freedom, the same formulas are used around the State with local sales numbers used to calculate assessed values.

2007 also found us dealing with the flood damage from the April rains. Freedom had some significant damage with flooded roadways, washouts and ditch erosion. This kept the highway crew very busy not only during the disaster period but throughout much of the year. I would like to extend a big thank you to Road Agent Scott Brooks and Administrative Assistant Karen Hatch. Their hard work and insight in dealing not only the disaster but all the paperwork that went on behind the scene, made sure that we received all the federal money that was available to us which lessened the tax burden on the townspeople.

Demand for services keeps increasing, whether it be from people moving in or from more stringent regulations and requirements from the State. We are proposing some changes to various positions in the form of warrant articles so that all taxpayers will understand what and why. The biggest change is the creation of a full-time fire chief's position. This is being proposed after reviewing requirements of inspections, paperwork, emergency management and hazard mitigation and interviewing members of the fire department.

2007 Taxes at 2006 Valuations

2006		2007	Increase	2007
3.21	Town portion (appropriated at town meeting less buy down) \$108,630 Special Town meeting disaster appropriation \$41,860 Decrease in revenue	3.31 0.23 0.09	0.10 0.23 0.09	
	Total for Town	3.63	0.42	2.83
3.34	Local School	4.52	1.18	3.55
2.47	State School	2.60	0.13	2.05
0.88	County	0.98	0.10	0.77
9.90	Totals	11.73	1.83	9.20

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie R. Babb, Chairman

FREEDOM FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Freedom for their continuous support, the members of the department who continue to respond to the town's residents requests during their emergency needs, Medstar Ambulance Service for their continuous support to the department and the residents of Freedom, the Highway Department who continues to supply the department with well maintained roads, and the ladies in the Town Office who provide daily support to the department.

The Fire Department Association purchased the following equipment with Association Fund Raising and Donations Monies. The Association felt that the purchase of this equipment would improve the departments' capabilities to access residents and their visitors while enjoying the Town Forest and other areas in town, plus improve access for fire suppression in remote areas in town.

Polaris Ranger 6x6 ATV	\$10,999.99
75 Gallon Skid Unit w/Pump	5,500.00
Winch/Windshield/Roof	2,500.00
Total	\$18,999.99

Respectfully submitted,
Eugene F. Doe, Jr.
Fire Chief

FIRE & RESCUE CALLS

FIRE

Illegal Burn 11
 Wires Down 2
 Woodstove Problem 3
 Smoke in Building 3
 Brush Fire 5
 Motor Vehicle Accident 20
 No Response 1
 Tree's On Wires 7
 Electrical Fire 4
 Mutual Aid Structure Fire 6
 Flooded Basement/Road 16
 Tree's Down 2
 Resident Assist 4
 Propane Leak 2
 Furnace Problem 2
 Smoke Investigation 2
 Mutual Aid Fire Alarm 2
 Vehicle Fire 1
 Canoeist in Distress 1
 Water Ski Accident 1
 Sound of Explosion 1
 Hazmat Spill 2
 No Water (Ossipee Lake Village) 1
 Fire Alarm 21
 Dryer Fire 1
 Co2 Activation 5
 Unattended Fire 1
 Structure Fire 3
 Mutual Aid Motor Vehicle Accident 2
 Missing Person 5
 Oven Fire 1
 Woods Fire 2
 Mutual Aid Woods Fire 1
 Mutual Aid Plane Crash 1
 Dishwasher Fire 1
 Mutual Aid Cover Truck 6

Total's Fire

149

MEDICAL

Welfare Check 2
 Bee Sting 3
 Untimely Death 1
 No Response 8
 Chest Pain 12
 Shortness of Breath 11
 Altered Mental Status 3
 Back Pain 1
 Trauma 1
 Mutual Aid Medical/Trauma 25
 Stroke 5
 Lift Assist 7
 Head Injury 1
 Overdose 5
 Assault Victim 1
 Seizures 3
 Hand Injury 1
 Bicycle Accident 1
 Fractured Wrist 1
 Anxiety Attack 1
 Pt struck by lightning 1
 Medical Alert 5
 Fall 12
 Abdominal Pain 7
 General Sickness/Weakness 10
 Cardiac Arrest 3
 Choking 2
 Loss Of Consciousness 7
 Suicidal Person 1
 Diabetic 2
 Allergic Reaction 2

Medical

145

Total Calls 294

MEDSTAR EMS – ACTIVITY REPORT TOWN OF FREEDOM – 2007

Each year seems to present new challenges to the emergency services. First responders face new threats each day as they provide their services. Increased risk of disease contraction by patient contact, dangers posed from increases in violent behavior, and new dangers posed by their work around sophisticated safety systems in automobiles, are but a few of the risks they run each day. This too complicates an already difficult responsibility. Those who continue in these critical roles are to be commended. Those of us in the role of department heads also face the very difficult task of managing our budgets. Major increases in the cost of fuel, insurance, and supplies are making the provision of service in a cost effective manner, nearly impossible. All of these factors are challenges we must meet for sometime to come.

I would like to again thank the people of Freedom for their continued support. We are proud to serve your community. A special thank you to The Board of Selectmen, The Freedom Fire & Rescue Department, The Freedom Police Department, and Freedom Highway Department, it is a pleasure to work with each of them. I commend them all for their dedication to your community.

2007 again proved busy for Medstar with 1726 responses in our 6 town coverage area, along with 37 mutual aid calls to other towns, for a total of 1763 emergency calls.

Freedom Emergency Responses – 2007

Medical Aids:	107	Resident Transports:	67
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	9	Non Resident Transports:	30
Trauma:	13	Advanced Life Support Care:	76
Assist FD:	42	Basic Life Support Care:	21
Assist PD:	2	Patient Assist W/O Transport:	18
		Total:	174

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Hayford
Medstar EMS

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

I have been working with the local State Forest Ranger on the new Firewise Communities/USA program, this program is a unique opportunity available to America's fire - prone communities. Its goal is to encourage and acknowledge action that minimizes home loss to wildfire. It teaches you to prepare for a fire before it occurs. The program adapts especially well in small communities, developments and residential associations of all types. Firewise Communities/USA is a simple, three - legged template that is easily adapted to different locales. It works in the following way:

1. Wildland fire staff from federal, state or local agencies provide a community with information about coexisting with wildfire, along with mitigation information tailored to that specific area.
2. The community assesses its risk and creates its own network of cooperating homeowners, agencies and organizations.
3. The community identifies and implements local solutions.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at the fire station 539-4261.

Fire Permits - 237

Written Warning - 5

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene F Doe Jr
Fire Warden

REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfi.org.

Fire activity was very busy during the spring of the 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuel intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

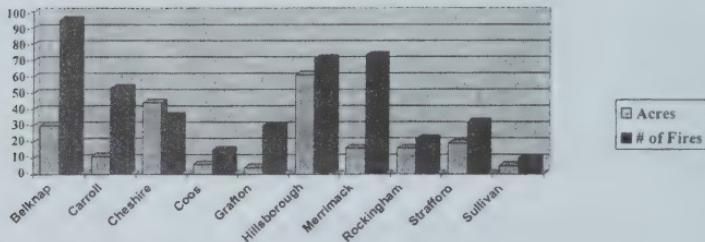
2007 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2007)

(figures do not include fires on the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS

County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	30	95
Carroll	11	53
Cheshire	44	36
Coos	6	15
Grafton	4	30
Hillsborough	61	71
Merrimack	16	73
Rockingham	16	22
Strafford	19	32
Sullivan	5	10



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

	Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	5	2007 437 212
Debris	197	2006 500 473
Campfire	38	2005 546 174
Children	22	2004 482 147
Smoking	41	2003 374 100
Railroad	5	
Equipment	3	
Lightning	7	
Misc.*	119	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This is my first year as the Emergency Management Director. I have found this to be a challenging yet rewarding experience. I first made contact with our field representative Julia Chase from the State's Emergency Management Bureau. After talking with Julia, a committee was formed to start planning the area's Health Hazard Mitigation Plan working with the towns of Wakefield, Effingham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, Tamworth, Madison and Huggins Hospital. Once the committee was completed with their section of this plan, a committee was formed in town with the local heads of service to start working on the Emergency Operation Plan. This plan is needed in order to apply for Federal Grants. The last time this plan was revised was 2000. I applied for an EMP grant in the sum of \$12,000.00 in order to contract with Hubbard Consulting to assist with writing this plan. The town was awarded this grant of \$6,000.00 with \$6,000.00 being matched in the form of time.

The third plan was the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The State Emergency Management Bureau had already contracted with Lakes Region Planning to assist with writing this plan. The Committee needed to match these monies in time as well.

Summary of Plans to date:

Health Hazard Mitigation Plan - Completed

Emergency Operation Plan - Completed

Hazard Mitigation Plan - Completed

Regional Wildfire Response and Evacuation Plan (consisting of the towns of Freedom, Madison, Ossipee, Tamworth, Effingham) - Freedom will be the hosting Town - To begin 2008

The following list of people will need to take the NIMS (National Incident Management System) class as stipulated in the Emergency Operations Plan. I will try to schedule two classes since there will be too many people for one class.

Fire Department, Police Department, Highway Department, all School staff (teachers, principal, teachers aids, substitute teachers, secretary, nurse, janitors, bus drivers and any other ancillary staff), Selectpersons and all ancillary Town Office staff.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene F. Doe, Jr.
Emergency Management Director

POLICE REPORT

The Freedom Police Department had an excellent 2007. First and foremost was the addition of our third full-time officer Peter Tourigny. Peter went through a rigorous hiring process, which included a physical fitness test, police oral board and background investigation. Peter was the clear choice out of all the candidates. Peter was hired and began working for the Police Department in May. He attended the New Hampshire Police Academy in Concord for three months and graduated in November. Peter and his wife have since purchased a home in Freedom and have fit in here with the Town and Police Department perfectly. Peter is not from the area and is anxious to meet all the local townspeople, so if you see him introduce yourself and say hi, after you speak with him I am certain you will not be disappointed with our choice.

Sergeant Frank Suprenard is our other full-time officer. Frank brings a great deal of experience to the police department and has many responsibilities. Unbeknownst to me when I hired Frank, he has a special ability to write and receive grants. Frank wrote the grant last year for the radar trailer, which turned out to be a very popular item. I was unable to get it out everywhere it was requested in 2007. I promise you if it was not on your road in 2007, I will get it there in 2008. Frank once again wrote and received a grant from the State of New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency to put extra D.W.I. and speed patrols out on the road on the busy weekends. We received this grant last year and I was told by our field representative Steve Sargent, who determines who will get the grant money, that he was using our grant program as a standard for other small agencies in the state to follow. Frank also found a program through the A.T.V. manufacturer Can-Am that allows public safety agencies to receive two brand new all terrain vehicles for one year at no cost and at the end of the year we are given the option to purchase these machines at twenty percent off the purchase price. Through the help of Profile Powersports we did receive two brand new Can-Am 600cc four-wheelers. One of these went to the Fire Department and the other came to the Police Department. Both these four wheelers were used a good deal throughout the year for patrol in the Freedom Town Forest as well as a search and rescue mission in Effingham for a missing client from Lakeview Neuro Rehab. This year I have requested the selectman to put an article on the warrant to purchase these four wheelers. Regardless of your opinion of public use of A.T.V.'s I ask that you support this article because they are an invaluable tool for the Police and Fire Departments. With all of this said, Frank's greatest accomplishment this year was the grant that he wrote for our Polaris Ranger 6X6 utility vehicle. This grant is given out by the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Co., they received thousands of applications from public safety agencies nationwide and only ninety are given out. We were told that our application stood out and clearly demonstrated that the Town of Freedom Police/Fire Department would benefit greatly from a Ranger donation. This vehicle is worth over \$9000.00 and came equipped with a 4000 lb. winch. To top it all off Frank contacted the CAR 54 program at the University of New Hampshire, which equips police cruisers with lights, sirens, laptop computers and other equipment through a federal grant. They agreed to equip and install our Ranger with blue lights a siren and a laptop computer that is equipped with GPS tracking software at absolutely no cost, this is nearly \$6000.00 worth of equipment.

As I said last year, the hiring of the third full-time officer eliminated the need for any part-time officers. Besides Frank, Peter and I the only other employees of the Police Department are Animal Control Officer Jo Anne Gayer and Administrative Assistant Teresa Shackford. Jo Anne continues to do an outstanding job; as a matter of fact she has done such a good job that the Madison Police Department hired her this year as their Animal Control Officer. It is very difficult to find a good Animal Control Officer in this area because they have to be on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Since I have hired Jo Anne I cannot think of one time she has not been available to handle a call. If you do need to contact Jo Anne please do not call her home, call the Carroll County Sheriff's Office at 539-2284 and they will contact her.

Our Administrative Assistant and my wife Teresa Shackford has worked here part-time for over six years now and has been the full-time Administrative Assistant for the Carroll County Sheriff's Office for over ten years. Teresa has an intimate knowledge of police work and I definitely would be lost without her, at work and at home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the selectmen and woman, the other department heads and town employees for there continued support and help they have given the Freedom Police Department throughout the year. I want to give an extra thank-you to Karen Hatch and Linda Farinella for all of their assistance throughout the year. I especially want to thank the citizens of the Town of Freedom and encourage anyone who needs to speak with me, to contact me anytime through the Carroll County Sheriff's Office at 539-2284. I also hold regular office hours on Monday nights at the Police department, which is located in the second story of the Town Office building.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Josh L. Shackford

2007 Offenses

911 Hang up	10	Drug / Narcotic Violations	2
Accident Report Required	2	False information to secure firearm	1
Alarm	20	Felon in possession of dangerous weapon	3
Alcoholism - protective custody	4	Harassment	5
Animal Complaint.....	50	Harassment (Phone)	2
Arson	1	Issuing bad checks	4
Assist Citizen	9	Littering penalties.....	1
Assist to other agency	24	Littering unlawful activities	6
Breach of bail conditions	1	Missing person.....	1
Burglary	4	Motor Vehicle Complaint	10
Change of address sex offender	2	Motorist Assist	3
Civil Issue.....	17	Narcotic Drug w/ intent to distribute.....	1
Criminal Mischief	17	Negligent Driving	1
Criminal Threatening	2	Noise Complaint.....	2
Criminal Trespass	6	OHRV complaint	9
Cruelty to Animals	1	Operating without a valid license.....	3
Disobeying an officer	2	Operation of OHRV's	2
Disorderly conduct	3	Plowing across roadway	5
Domestic Disturbance	5	Possession and use of tobacco by minor ..	1
Domestic Violence Act	2	Possession of controlled narcotics	5

Suicide threat	1
Suspicion & Intelligence	12
Theft all other	1
Theft by Misapplication	2
Theft by Unauthorized Taking	14
Theft from Building	2
Theft from Motor vehicle	1
Theft; motor vehicle parts.....	1
Transporting Alcoholic Beverage Driver	4
Transporting Alcoholic Beverage Passenger	3
Unlawful Possession of Alcohol	6
Unregistered OHRV	4
Untimely or unattended death	2
Unwanted Person.....	2
VIN Verification.....	18
Welfare Check	2
Willful Concealment	1
Prohibited Sales.....	1
Receiving Stolen Property	4
Reckless conduct.....	1
Reckless operation	2
Record Check	4
Registration of Sex Offender	2
Removing or altering boundary markers	1
Resisting arrest	1
Road Hazard	4
Rubbish (illegal deposit)	1
Security check	9
Simple Assault	4
Speed.....	3
Speed Limitations	1
Stalking	1
Stationary Radar	2
Stopping/Standing/Parking prohibited	1

2007 Arrests

Act Prohibited	1
Criminal Mischief Vandalism	1
Disobeying an Officer	1
DWI	3
Felon in Possession of Dangerous Weapon	3
Harassment	1
Littering	1
Operating w/o valid license	2
Operation of OHRV	1
PC	4
Possession Controlled drug w/intent to distribute	2
Possession and use of tobacco by minor	1
Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs	6
Prohibited Sales	1
Receiving Stolen Property	8
Reckless Operation	2
Resisting arrest or detention	1
Simple Assault.....	1
Speed	4
Transportation of Liquor	5
Transporting alcoholic beverage by minor	1
Unlawful Possession of Alcohol.....	7
Unregistered OHRV.....	1
Violation of Probation/Parole	1

2007 Citations

Citations	586
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2007 Accidents

Accidents	17
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TRANSFER STATION REPORT

Our first full year of single stream recycling is in the books and as expected it went very well. Support is the key to this program and as stated last year, I knew it would not be an issue. I was right.

In 2007 the transfer station had 978.46 ton removed from the facility. From that, 28% was recycled from our solid waste and 27.6% from the overall total. According to Karen McNaughton of Pine Tree Waste this is excellent for a single stream program in its first year. Towns that are just getting started are using us as a model. That is something you folks should be very proud of.

This past year we started recycling clothing. This is cost free to the Town and it helps the needy while reducing our solid waste. Also, last year we started recycling our electronics, i.e. TVs, computers and microwaves. State law forbids electronics to go to land fills or incinerators, therefore, this is not cost free so tipping fees are being applied.

Things to watch for in 2008 on the recycling front are light bulbs and flashlight batteries, look for details this spring.

Lastly, we are finally seeing a return on our scrap iron, which has resulted in revenue to the town.

I would like to thank all of the department heads and their staff, the Selectmen and my special thanks to the taxpayers and users of the transfer station for your much needed support.

“Coming together is a beginning. Staying together is progress. Working together is success” Henry Ford

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin Brooks
Transfer Station Manager

Activities of the Transfer Station:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Trash	621.27	486.79
Demo	247.85	243.49
Glass	56.73	56.39
Recycle	47.02	133.79
Scrap Iron	62.27	58.00
Total Tons	1035.14	978.46

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY ORDINANCE

ADOPTED AUGUST 21, 2006

I. TITLE AND AUTHORITY

This ordinance shall be referred to as “Town of Freedom Transfer Station and Recycling Center Ordinance” (“Ordinance”). It is adopted pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Town by RSA 149-M:17,11.

II. SCOPE AND LOCATION

These rules and regulations cover the collection, separation and disposal of all solid waste generated in the Town of Freedom and establish a fee system for the disposal of selected solid wastes at the transfer and recycling facility (hereinafter “Facility”) located at 132 Bennett Road, Freedom, New Hampshire.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to:

Ensure efficient and economical disposal of solid waste generated in the Town of Freedom.

Ensure compliance with all environmental laws.

Minimize solid waste that must be transferred or disposed of at an approved facility by maximizing recycling.

IV. PURPOSE

Hours of Operation: The Facility shall be open during such other times as the Board of Selectmen shall determine after public hearing. The current standing schedule is set forth below:

Summer

Tuesday 8am until 4pm
Thursday 8am until 4pm
Saturday 8am until 4pm
Sunday 11am until 4pm

Winter

Tuesday 8am until 4pm
Saturday 8am until 4pm
Sunday 11am until 4pm

Note: During severe weather conditions the Facility may be closed. Call 539-5364 or tune into WCSH News 6.

Holidays: The Facility shall be closed the following holidays: New Year's Day, Easter and Christmas.

The Facility will be open, however, the Monday of the Memorial Day and Labor Day holiday and July 4th holiday if applicable from 11am until 4pm the facility is closed that Tuesday.

Disposal of any items at the Facility except during hours of operation is prohibited. Any person leaving items at the gate or when the Facility is closed shall be prosecuted in accord with section IX "VIOLATION AND PENALATIES".

Safety: Disposing of solid waste can be a dangerous job. Splinters from wood, broken glass, rusting scrap metal, sharp objects, etc. are potentially dangerous and shall be handled with care. No person shall loiter in the vicinity of the auger compactor while in operation. All persons using the Facility shall follow the directions of the attendant and adhere to the following safety procedures:

All persons shall wear appropriate footwear while on site. Bare feet are absolutely prohibited.

All children (under the age of 16) shall be accompanied by an adult.

No person is allowed to enter any prohibited, restricted or closed area, or climb onto any drop off container or wall.

Vehicles within the Facility shall be limited to a maximum speed of 5 miles per hour.

Removal of items from the Facility or "dump picking" is prohibited until such time as an area for a swap shop is designated.

Persons entering the Facility do so at their own risk.

Separation of Materials: All waste materials deposited at the Facility shall be separated into categories listed in Section V or as directed by attendants. Unseparated materials will not be accepted.

Facility Permits: All vehicles entering the Facility are required to display a transfer station permit.

Permits can be purchased at the Town Office or Transfer Station.

Permits are for two (2) years and expire on May 31st in any odd numbered year.

Permits shall be issued only to residents and taxpayers upon presentation of a current and valid automobile registration or tax bill and the required fee in accordance with Schedule "A".

The permit shall be permanently affixed to the lower left corner of the vehicle's windshield and shall be visible at all times.

Renters (year-round) shall show proof of residency from their landlord in order to obtain a permit.

Temporary permits are for out of town contractors hauling construction debris and yard waste generated within the Town boundaries. These permits are available at the Transfer Station and Town offices. The owner of the property shall obtain the permit for the user of the temporary permit.

If a vehicle to which a permit was affixed is traded or sold, or if the owner wishes to affix a permit to a different vehicle, a new permit will be issued to the vehicle owner provided the owner continues to be a resident and/or taxpayer of the Town and the old permit is turned in. Otherwise a replacement fee will be assessed in accordance with Schedule "A."

V. ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS AND SEPARATION PRACTICES

The items set forth under Schedule "A" Part II shall be separated (this is mandatory) and placed in designated containers or locations after payment of any required fee.

VI. UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

The following materials will not be accepted at the Facility:

Tree trunks and limbs or brush greater than five (5) inches in diameter.

Industrial waste, household hazardous waste, asbestos, medical and veterinarian waste, liquids of any kind, radioactive waste, explosives, or toxic substances, except as listed on Schedule "A".

(Note: The Town provides for disposal of household hazardous waste one time per year (typically summer) at no cost. Residents must store their waste and dispose of it during this annual event. Industries generating solid waste are responsible for legally disposing of these wastes on their own.)

Anti-freeze, gasoline, oil gas mix, diesel fuel, kerosene or fuel oil of any kind

Fuel Tanks

Oil based or lead based paint, stains and varnishes

Paint thinner, turpentine

Any type of wood preservative

Dead animals or carcasses of any kind.

Dirt, stumps, boulders

Solid fill, including brick and concrete demolition debris

Propane tanks over 20lbs

Acetylene and oxygen tanks.

Asbestos, Hazardous Waste

Unseparated trash (commingled household trash and recyclables)

Any material which in the opinion of the Solid Waste Attendant constitutes a serious hazard to other users, to the property of the Town or to the operation of the property of the Town, or to the operation of the Facility.

VII. PAYMENT OF FEES

Permits: Fees for permits are payable to the Town of Freedom upon receipt of permit. See Schedule "A" for applicable fees.

Disposal and Payment Procedures:

For those items that require the payment of an additional fee as set forth on Schedule "A", the following procedures shall be followed:

The attendant shall inspect items to be disposed.

The required fee is to be paid prior to disposal of items. Personal checks or cash are acceptable.

The attendant shall give a signed, numbered receipt upon presentation of payment.

The item(s) shall be disposed of at the designated area.

VIII. SEPARABILITY

The invalidity of any provision of this regulation shall neither affect the validity of any other provision hereof, nor the validity of the regulation as a whole.

IX. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Any violation of any provision of this ordinance or the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder shall be punished as follows:

Residential Users:

First offense: a fine of \$10.00

Second offense: a fine of \$50.00

Third offense: a fine of \$100.00 and revocation of transfer station permit

Permit may be reissued upon full payment of all outstanding fines.

All fines and penalties collected shall be payable to the Town of Freedom and deposited in the general fund

X. APPEAL

Any person aggrieved by application of this Ordinance shall apply to the Board of Selectmen in writing within ten (10) days of the occurrence giving rise to the complaint. Otherwise the complaint shall be deemed waived. The Selectmen may take whatever action, or no action, the Board in its sole discretion deems appropriate.

XI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective on its date of passage.

Approved: August 21, 2006

FREEDOM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb, Chairman
James A. Breslin
Donna M. Cupka

SCHEDULE “A”

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS/RECYCLING & SEPARATION SCHEDULE OF FEES

Transfer Station permits will be issued to residents and taxpayers only, upon presentation of vehicle registration and payment of \$20.00. No fee will be required for replacement permits provided the old permit is returned prior to issuance of a replacement permit. Otherwise, the fee for a replacement permit is \$10.00.

The fee for a residential and curbside pick-up hauler permit is \$1,200.00. Haulers will be required to submit a customer list and pickup schedule prior to obtaining a permit. No commercial businesses are allowed to use Transfer Station.

Recycling is mandatory for all person using the facility. The following items shall be accepted only if separated and placed in the appropriate containers and/or areas in accord with the procedures set forth below:

A. CATEGORY I – NO FEE

Batteries: Vehicular batteries

Aluminum Cans: Rinsed clean. Note: Crushing cans would be helpful by reducing storage volume.

Scrap Metal: All scrap metal should be free of plastic, rubber, wood or other contaminates.

Glass: Bottles and jars should be rinsed and clean, all glass goes together

Note: Small quantities of other glass, such as windows, ceramics, etc. shall be discarded with the glass. (no light bulbs)

Waste Oil: Used oil from a motor vehicle, which is not contaminated with other liquids or substances, such as antifreeze or water. Five (5) gallon limit per visit.

Clean Wood, Brush, Clippings and Leaves: Lawn clippings, garden waste, leaves, twigs; lumber and tree limbs less than five (5) inches in diameter.

Newspaper: Can be loose or in a brown paper grocery bag and must be clean. Other paper goods and magazines are acceptable as posted at the facility

Cardboard: All corrugated cardboard which is clean, dry, not waxed and flattened.

B. CATEGORY II – FEES REQUIRED

TV, Computers	\$10.00
Couch	25.00
Recliner	15.00

Wooden Desk/Furniture	10.00
Sliding glass doors/windows (per unit)	4.00
Propane tanks 20lb tank	10.00
1 lb tank	2.00
Mattress	10.00
Box spring	10.00
Freezer, Refrigerator (doors must be removed)	15.00
White goods/microwave	10.00
Air conditioner	15.00
Hot water tank/toilet/tubs (all hardware removed)	10.00
Tires pass/auto – 16" (must be unmounted)	5.00
Tires Lt. Truck/SUV (must be unmounted)	10.00
Tires – heavy truck (must be unmounted)	15.00

Asphalt Shingles:

Up to 30-gallon trashcan or equivalent	\$10.00
Up to 1/2 size of pickup truck bed or equivalent	50.00
1/2 to full pickup truck bed or equivalent	100.00
1 ton truck	140.00

Construction debris/demolition: Building materials, including but not limited to

painted, stained or pressure treated wood.

30-gallon trashcan or equivalent	\$10.00
1/2 to full pickup truck bed or equivalent	50.00
1 ton truck	75.00

Sheetrock/Plaster

30-gallon trashcan or equivalent	\$15.00
1/2 to full pickup truck bed or equivalent	100.00
1 ton truck	140.00

Brush and yard waste (temporary permits only)

CATEGORY III – BURN PILE MATERIALS

The Town shall accept the following materials for open air burning in accordance with state and local regulations: brush and slash five inches or less in diameter, untreated wood and untreated dimensional lumber with an end cross-sectional area of 24 square inches or less. (State law)

D. CATEGORY IV – WASTE TO BE TRANSFERRED

Residual solid waste: solid waste and household trash/garbage, which is not listed above for recycling/separation or prohibited.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

2007 has been a very busy year for the Planning Board. I do want to thank all the members for their dedication and participation during such a busy year.

Over the past year the board has reviewed a number of Site Plan Reviews, Major and Minor Subdivision as well as a number of Boundary Line Adjustments. In addition, the board has worked with the ZBA in clarifying the language in the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to non-conforming structures on non-conforming lots. Additional work to be completed for the Zoning Ordinance is with respect to the definition of seasonal residences. Also, the need to update the Building Code Ordinance to support the enforcement of NH Building Codes.

The board continues to work on the Master Plan for the Town and I trust it will be completed by the end of January 2008. Long hours of labor have gone into this document and I am so grateful of those who have spent long hours to complete the plan. I am especially grateful to Anne Cunningham for spearheading it to completion over these past several months.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Dorian, Chairman
Freedom Planning Board

FREEDOM PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF MEETINGS 2008

The regular monthly meetings of the Freedom Planning Board are listed below. Meetings are held on the third Thursday at the Freedom Town Hall commencing at 7:00 pm.

Completed applications must be submitted by the closing date noted. Items submitted either after this date or incompletely filled out, will not be placed on the agenda; such applications will be deferred.

<u>Application Submittal Closing Deadline</u>	<u>Regular Planning Board Meeting</u>
December 27, 2007	January 17, 2008
January 31, 2008	February 21, 2008
February 28, 2008	March 20, 2008
March 27, 2008	April 17, 2008
April 24, 2008	May 15, 2008
May 29, 2008	June 19, 2008
June 26, 2008	July 17, 2008
July 31, 2008	August 21, 2008
August 28, 2008	September 18, 2008
September 25, 2008	October 16, 2008
October 30, 2008	November 20, 2008
November 26, 2008	December 18, 2008

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

The year 2007 was not overly active in requests for either new homes or additions to present structures. Rather, this year required a review of regulations from an enforcement point of view. Work towards clarifying wording in the Zoning Ordinance began together with the selectmen and members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). Some of the issues under review include regulations governing expansion of non-conforming structures, home occupations, signs, and conforming with storefront requirements. I encourage taxpayers to pass on their concerns to myself or members of the town Boards. Announced public meetings have been held for this purpose. There will be some suggested changes up for vote at the 2008 town meeting.

Office hours were expanded this year to 5 hours a week from 9 to 2 on Thursdays. This provided time for landowners to ask questions and process the applications they need. It takes only a short amount of time to complete required applications for permits for adding to existing building or for new building such as sheds or garages. Any work within 300 ft of surface water is subject to review by the ZBA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ned Hatfield

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment reviewed 21 applications in 2007; nine of those were requests for dimensional variances (requests to build new structures or additions which are located at least in part in the side, front, or rear setbacks). Six dimensional variances were granted, one was denied, and two were withdrawn. The Board heard two requests for use variances (requests to have a use contrary to the zoning code). One variance was granted, one was denied. The Board also;

- Granted a special exception to allow Ossipee Realty Corp. to have outside boat storage.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. & Ms. Dumas d/b/a Bobby-Sues to sell food.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mountview Property Owners to regrade their association beach.
- Granted a special exception to allow Ms. Miksch to cut trees in the shore front district.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. & Ms. Hatfield to repair a drive way in the shore front district.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. Valliere to construct a beach in the shore front district.
- Continued a special exception request from Mr. Packard to cut trees in the shore front district.
- Granted an equitable waiver of dimensional requirements to Mr. & Mrs. Bartelson.
- Denied a motion for rehearing to Guckert New Hampshire Realty Trust to reconsider the approval to Ossipee Realty Corp.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. Delano to cut trees in the shore front district.

The Board would like to hear from citizens or anyone who may be interested in serving on the board. Please contact a Board member or one of the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Lees Chairman

FREEDOM ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE OF MEETINGS 2008

The regular monthly meetings of the **Freedom Zoning Board of Adjustment** are listed below. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday at the Freedom Town Hall commencing at 7:00 pm.

Completed applications must be submitted by the closing date noted. Items submitted after this date or incompletely filled out, will not be placed on the agenda; such applications will be deferred.

<u>Application Submittal Closing Deadline</u>	<u>Regular ZBA Meeting</u>
January 07, 2008	January 22, 2008
February 11, 2008	February 26, 2008
March 10, 2008	March 25, 2008
April 7, 2008	April 22, 2008
May 12, 2008	May 27, 2008
June 9, 2008	June 24, 2008
July 7, 2008	July 22, 2008
August 11, 2008	August 26, 2008
September 8, 2008	September 23, 2008
October 14, 2008	October 28, 2008
November 10, 2008	November 25, 2008
December 8, 2008	December 23, 2008

BUILDING CODE REPORT

2007 was another banner year for new home starts in Freedom with 16 new homes. I anticipate a number of these will continue through 2008 until completion. There has also been a number of large remodeling and addition projects permitted in 2007.

The State has now formed a State Code Review Board and that board, through the State legislature, has adopted building codes on the State level. The 2006 edition of these codes have been introduced to State Legislature for State adoption in 2008.

In 2007 I extended my office hours on Thursdays to five hours. This move has proved to be beneficial for those homeowners and contractors seeking permits and reviewing potential projects in the town.

I continue to keep connected with the New Hampshire Building Officials Association. This organization continues to provide good training through code workshops and the introduction of a variety of manufactured building materials and their applications.

2008 will bring significant change to the construction industry with special attention to 1&2 family dwelling homes. I suspect the changes to come will be in the area of residential sprinklers and tamper proof receptacles in residential homes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Dorian
Building Code Officer

On January 24, 2008 Paul Dorian passed away. Paul was a great asset to the town not only as the building inspector but as chairman to our Planning Board. Paul has served the town for the past 19 years in various positions and he will be greatly missed.

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Freedom Conservation Commission (FCC) serves the town with guidance and recommendations toward natural resource stewardship and protection. The FCC continues to review occasional New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) wetlands applications along with Zoning Board applications.

This year began with an increase in FCC membership. The Board of Selectmen (BOS) increased the size of the commission from five to seven members. Members Katie Gove and Sue Hoople were not reappointed by the BOS. Sincere acknowledgement and recognition is given to these members for their conservation ethic, knowledge of conservation issues, and their long and outstanding commitment to the town.

A focal point of this board and its Forest Advisory subcommittee (FAC) continues to be the management of the Freedom Town Forest (Trout Pond property). Kiosks located at three entrances to the Forest have been stained and finished, appropriate signage erected and trail maps installed. Interpretive trail brochures are available at the kiosks and have been extremely popular with those visiting the forest. The kiosks, maps, and brochures were made possible through a Moose Plate grant the FCC received in 2005. Gates have been installed at the Jackman Ridge Road entrance and at the base of Mary's Mountain and Shawtown Road. Part of the rationale for these gates is to restrict vehicular traffic during periods of mud season that lead to trail vulnerability and road deterioration along with hazardous passing. The historic rain events of last spring are still evident throughout the town forest. The Scrub Oaks Scramblers Snowmobile Club received a FEMA grant to repair storm damage to their trails, many of which are within the Forest. Volunteers from the club donated many hours working on the roads and trails. Danforth Bay Campground also generously helped with repairing the washout on part of Shawtown Road. We sincerely thank them all for their help and hard work.

In June, members of the FCC, FAC, and Board of Selectmen met with representatives from the New Hampshire Department of Resource and Economic Development (DRED), holder of the conservation easement on the Forest. This was part of the annual monitoring conducted by DRED to assure terms of the easement are upheld. This meeting was followed up by a site visit to the forest in July with the town forester and a DRED administrator who was impressed with the forest management results including wildlife habitat establishment. The monitor also noted unauthorized motorized vehicular use as a major issue of non-compliance with the easement. DRED is aware and supportive of the continuing efforts to resolve this issue.

However, there were repeated reports and evidence of unlawful and renegade vehicular traffic throughout the forest into the fall. The FCC and FAC will continue to work in 2008 to control vehicular access to certain areas of the property without completely prohibiting vehicles from limited trails and roads. The cooperation and respect of the public is vital in accomplishing this goal.

A remarkable timber harvest this year added significantly to the Town Forest Maintenance Fund. The Conservation Commission proposes use of some of this fund to meet the cost of town forest management and forester expertise in 2008, rather than raising money through the general fund. It is important to note that proceeds from future timber harvests may not always cover costs of forestry or maintenance. In 2008 we hope to conduct a timber harvest (more limited than in 2007) and to continue improving the trail and road network in conjunction with the town forester's work plan through the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP) grant (using matching funds) which the town was awarded in 2006.

Commission members continue to attend various conferences and workshops sponsored by such entities as DES and UNH to broaden their knowledge of natural resource management.

Also, we wish to publicly thank Karen Hatch and Linda Farinella at the town office for their good nature and help in the administration of the FCC and FAC.

Respectfully Submitted,
Greg Bossart , FCC chair
Beth Earle, FAC chair

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF MEETINGS 2008

The Freedom Conservation Commission will meet on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 7:00 at the Freedom Town Hall.

MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2008

January 15
February 19
March 18
April 15
May 20
June 17
July 15
August 19
September 16
October 21
November 18
December 16

FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETINGS 2008

The Forest Advisory Board will meet on the first Wednesday of each month commencing at 7:00 at the Freedom Town Hall.

MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2008

January 2

February 6

March 5

April 2

May 7

June 4

July 2

August 6

September 3

October 1

November 5

December 3

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

Freedom Town Forest Regulations

Pursuant to RSA 31:39, I(a) and RSA 31:39, III, the Town of Freedom hereby ordains as follows:

I. Purpose

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Conservation Easement on the property held by the New Hampshire Department of Resource and Economic Development, the purpose of the Freedom Town Forest is:

- A. To maintain the forest, in perpetuity, as open space for the enjoyment and education of the public.
- B. To maintain a community forest providing the following benefits:
 1. Support the local and state forest products industry through sustainable forestry management.
 2. Protect natural resources
 3. Provide traditional low-impact outdoor recreation and natural-based educational activities
 4. Provide for other special uses of the forest whenever and wherever possible, subject to written approval by the Easement Holder

II. Permitted Uses

The following activities and uses are permitted:

- A. Pedestrian uses including hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing
- B. Trapping, hunting, fishing in accordance with New Hampshire law
- C. Non-motorized bicycles
- D. Boats, canoes and kayaks to be removed at the end of each day
- E. Snowmobiles on designated snowmobile trails
- F. Trail construction, repair and management activities approved by the Freedom Conservation Commission
- G. Forest and wildlife management activities approved by the Freedom Conservation Commission

III. Prohibited Uses

The following activities are prohibited:

- A. Dumping of rubbish, waste, leaves, brush, paper or other offensive or unsightly substance. Items carried in by hikers and other users must be carried out.

- B. Removal or damage in any way of any structure, signage, plant or natural feature
- C. Construction or erection of permanent tree stands, tent platforms, other structures
- D. Target shooting or practice
- E. Fireworks
- F. Camp fires or kindling of any fire
- G. OHRVs with the exception of snowmobiles
- H. Motorized vehicles, except for Jackman Ridge Road from the Jackman Ridge Road parking lot to the Trout Pond parking lot/gate when open
- I. Overnight parking
- J. Overnight camping
- K. Commercial uses

IV. Other Uses

The following uses require prior written approval of the Freedom Conservation Commission and the Easement Holder (contact the Freedom Town Office for information):

- A. OHRV/motorized vehicle used for access for the disabled
- B. Public functions/educational events

V. Penalty

Violators who engage in any of the Prohibited Uses listed in Section III of this ordinance, as well as those who fail to obtain prior written approval for uses as described in Section IV of this ordinance, are subject to a penalty not exceeding \$1,000 for each offense, such funds to inure to the Town of Freedom.

Adopted 08/21/07

Per order Town of Freedom, Freedom Conservation Commission RSA 31:112, RSA 41:11

On file with Freedom Town Clerk and District Court of Southern Carroll County Regulations to be enforced by any law enforcement officer with appropriate authority

ROAD AGENT REPORT

The weather has become very unpredictable. The year 2007 started out as a snow drought --- but mother nature released some of her fury on New England with a rainy January, 16 inch snowfall on February 14th, 6 inch snowfall with 3 inches of sleet on March 17th, then our last snow event on April 15th, left us with 8 inches of snow then changing to rain over night. Rain continued through to the 18th with a record 9 inches. This storm caused thousands of dollars in damage to our roadway infrastructure. The damage to our roads was mostly in the hilly terrain areas. The volume of water was so great that it washed away the Burnham Road Bridge at Stony Brook. After a lengthy process with FEMA, a precast concrete structure was installed in late October and the road reopened in early November.

Then December 2007 snow accumulations broke all records ----- becoming the snowiest December in recorded history. The year 2007 rivals the 1998 year, with the January ice storm, record flooding in June, and with the sheer winds in August that toppled trees, which blocked many roads throughout town.

At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to give a special thank you to the work crew that assisted with the repairs on the road infrastructure. Repairs started on April 17th and ran through May 24th. Burnham Road Bridge replacement took place in October and November.

Maintenance:

- Replaced metal roof – Eastside of Highway Garage
- Highway Department Buildings—Painted: Highway Garage, Salt Shed, & New Storage Shed.
- Repaired & Painted Snowplows & Wings.
- Scraped & Painted Ball field Cook Shack now used for athletic storage.
- Sand Blasted & Painted Cat 924G Loader.

Improvements:

- Reconstruction of 1600 ft. on Youngs Hill Road so called Youngs Flats Installed 80 ft. of 18" culvert, 12 inches of base gravel, 4 inches of finish 3/4" CBRG
- Reconstruction on Durgin Hill Road—Cleaned ditches, cut back over hanging trees and brush. Installed 4 inches of 3/4" CBRG
- Independent Drive & Part of Liberty Lane-- Resurfaced with 1 1/4 inch of 1/2 inch asphalt top.
- Shoulder Restoration: Ossipee Lake Road, Bennett Road, Independent Drive, Liberty Lane, Rice Hill Road, Swett Hill Road
- Reconstruction on Cemetery Road due to April Flood Event
- Installation of 18 ft. span 8 ft high 25 ft wide Precast Concrete Structure over Stony Brook on Burnham Road

FREEDOM OLD HOME WEEK COMMITTEE REPORT

Freedom's Old Home Week (FOHW) in 2007 was a great success with 10 days of well attended activities. The fun actually started before July 4th with one of our main FOHW fund raising events, the "Rubber Ducky Race". We had great weather and 1100 ducky tickets were sold; 3 lucky winners won prize money for the first 3 ducks over the dam. Kids games, FOHW merchandize, food, popcorn, fire engine and hay wagon rides were all part of this Freedom tradition. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers, property owners, police, fire department and Freedom citizens who made this event fun and successful.

The Old Home Week activities themselves kicked off with the traditional Lawn Party on Friday night followed by a terrific parade on Saturday morning. It was exciting to have such great music and bands in our parade, which included the Minutemen and the Keene, NH American Legion band. Although there were too many activities that happened over the week to list in this report, some highlights included the traditional land and water sports, the ice cream social and Moose Mountain Band, family bingo, a talent show, road race, craft fair, historical talks and events, as well as several library and church events. It was nice to see Freedom come together as a community with so many well produced and supported events.

The work and financial support behind this 10+ day event must be recognized as the source of its success. Twenty Committee members worked tirelessly from December through August and many additional volunteers provided critical support during the events themselves. Most of the money to carry out these events was raised by fund raisers, donations, food and ticket sales and about 15% came from Freedom taxpayers. We are grateful for all this personnel and financial support and there would be no Old Home Week without it. Freedom Old Home Week is a signature event in Freedom and has been for well over a century; the citizens of Freedom can be very proud of what they accomplish. The FOHW committee is planning for an even better celebration in 2008, which will be August 1-10. Please check for event schedules and happening which are updated on our website at www.freedomoldhomeweek.org. If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Shipman, Chair
Freedom Old Home Week Committee

OSSIPEE LAKE DAM AUTHORITY'S REPORT

The following is a report of the expense of the Dam Authority for the year 2007. Figures for the split between the two towns are based on the assessed equalized value of the two towns. These figures are furnished by the State of New Hampshire, D.R.A.

Sum Required By DES		\$30,000.00
Expenditures:		\$11,761.10

Equalization	Assessment	Value
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Ossipee	\$767,867,070.00	58% of \$11,761.10	=	\$6,821.44
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Freedom	\$543,076,249.00	42% of \$11,761.10	=	\$4,939.66
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These figures are revised each and every year, in order to bring the deficit of the past year up to \$30,000.00, the beginning balance of the coming year.

The following is a report of expenses for the Dam Authority for the year 2007.

Verizon	\$452.05
PSNH	125.25
Postmaster	33.80
DES Bearcamp Gage	7,070.00
Freedom Fireman's Association.	150.00
W Ossipee Fireman's Association	150.00
John Picard /Chairman. (Salary)	3,000.00
Robert Houle Sec./Tres.(Salary	500.00
Snow Removal	<u>280.00</u>
Expense	\$11,761.10

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert F. Houle
Secretary/Treasurer

REGULATIONS FOR TOWN BEACHES AND BOAT RAMPS

The following regulations apply to the following town beaches:

Loon Lake off Cemetery Road
Ossipee Lake off Pequawket Trail
Danforth Bay off Abenaki Drive

And the following boat launches:

Loon Lake off Loon Lake Road
Round Pond off Loon Lake Road

Town Beaches and Boat Ramps are for the use and enjoyment of Freedom residents, taxpayers and their guests. All vehicles must have current Town Facilities Permit displayed. Guests must be in the company of the resident and/or taxpayer when using these facilities.

All town beaches will be closed from 10 P.M. to 6 A.M. The boat ramps will be open 24 hours for launching or retrieval only. It is unlawful to leave or park vehicles, watercraft or boat trailers at the beaches or boat ramps overnight.

The boat ramps on Loon Lake and Round Pond are the ONLY public approved launching sites in Freedom for boats, it is unlawful to drive a vehicle and/or boat trailer onto any other Town property for launching or retrieval purposes.

It is unlawful to launch at the boat ramps any watercraft without first checking for and removing milfoil or any other debris from the boat and trailer.

All rules posted at the beaches/boat ramps are included as part of this regulation, which include but is not limited to: no alcoholic beverages, no glass, no dogs, feeding waterfowl and absolutely no camping or fires.

Moving or removal of rafts, signs, tables, etc. is prohibited.

The registered owner of any vehicle in violation of these regulations shall be prima facia evidence and considered the violator.

It is unlawful to swim at the boat ramps.

The use of town beaches and boat ramps are for the enjoyment of Freedom res-

idents, taxpayers and their guests, any use that would constitute disturbing the peace is strictly prohibited.

Violators of parking rules and regulations are subject to a fine and possible towing of vehicle at the owners expense.

Attached is the Fine Schedule for any violation of said regulations. Any law enforcement officer may issue a summons and such summons shall impose a fine pursuant to the fine schedule. Summonses must be paid within 30 days of the issuance of the summons. If the summons is not paid with 30 days you will be ordered to appear in the District Court for Southern Carroll County

These regulations of Freedom town beaches and boat ramps take effect upon approval by the Selectmen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb
Donna M. Cupka
James W. Brown

October 29, 2007
Date of Adoption

VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES & REGULATIONS UNIFORM FINE SCHEDULE

Parking without Town Permit	\$25.00
Parking on Beaches/Boat Ramps Overnight	\$50.00 2nd Offense \$100.00
Dogs on Town Beaches	\$25.00 2nd Offense \$50.00
Unlawful Littering/Trash on Town Beaches/Boat Ramps	\$50.00 2nd Offense \$100.00
Unlawful Camping/Sleeping Overnight at Town Beaches/Boat Ramps	\$100.00
Violators of Town Road Weight Limits	\$250.00 Plus Damages Individuals 1st Offense \$1,000.00 Plus Damages 2nd Offense
Other (companies, owners, corporations etc.)	\$500.00 Plus Damages 1st Offense \$5,000.00 Plus Damages 2nd Offense
Pushing of Snow across Town Maintained Highway	\$50.00 Plus Damges 1st Offence \$100.00 Pluse Damages 2nd Offense

**NOTE: 2ND OFFENSE SHALL BE WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE
CALENDAR YEAR OF THE FIRST VIOLATION**

This section of fines, penalties is granted by RSA: 47:19.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Leslie R. Babb
Donna M. Cupka
James W. Brown

ADOPTED: November 5, 2007

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 2007

DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	PRINCIPAL EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	BALANCE START OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	TRANSFER TO PRINCIPAL	BALANCE END OF YEAR	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
COMMON TRUST:													
1919	Nancy Skillings	Cem P/C	Mem Mkt All	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00	
1919	Nancy Burns			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	8.44	8.44	0.00	200.00	
1922	Lord & Fowler			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	8.44	8.44	0.00	200.00	
1922	Eliza A Alley			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00	
1924	Ina E Foss			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00	
1924	Melchaff & Cushing			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00	
1924	M C & Stephen Allard			150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	6.33	6.33	0.00	150.00	
1924	Edward H Nason			210.00	0.00	0.00	210.00	0.00	8.86	8.86	0.00	210.00	
1925	A R & Lila Bennett			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00	
1927	F W Towle			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	21.09	21.09	0.00	500.00	
1927	Pancos Yards			700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	0.00	29.52	29.52	0.00	700.00	
1927	J C Libby & V H Connors Lots			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	21.09	21.09	0.00	500.00	
1928	John W Smith			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00	
1928	Jennie Mesevre			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00	
1932	James Wood			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00	
1935	George W Chase			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00	
1937	Joseph H Corson			50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	2.11	2.11	0.00	50.00	
1937	Hilda J Downing			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	8.44	8.44	0.00	200.00	
1938	Goffrey Fund			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00	
1939	Frank P Corson			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00	
1939	Lavinia F Farnsworth			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00	
1939	Howard B Moulton			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00	
1940	Ellen Mitchell			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00	
1941	Stevens Sweetser Marston Harmon			450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	18.98	18.98	0.00	450.00	
TOTAL													4,560.00
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													4,560.00

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 2007

DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND COMMON TRUST	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE START OF YEAR	PRINCIPAL EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	BALANCE START OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	TRANSFER TO PRINCIPAL	BALANCE END OF YEAR	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
												INCOME
1943 Jessie Drew	Cem P/C	Mon Mkt	All	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	0.00	100.00
1948 Jessie S Allard				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	0.00	100.00
1952 Minnie R Towle				112.00	0.00	112.00	0.00	4.72	4.72	0.00	0.00	112.00
1952 John J Giles				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	0.00	100.00
1953 Carrie B Moses				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	0.00	100.00
1957 Minnie A Eastman				200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	8.44	8.44	0.00	0.00	200.00
1957 F M Nelson & J M Parsons				200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	8.44	8.44	0.00	0.00	200.00
1958 Elsie M Thurston				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	0.00	100.00
1958 Ernest A Leavitt				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	0.00	100.00
1958 Kearl Cemetery Fund				200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	8.44	8.44	0.00	0.00	200.00
1958 Moulton Cemetery				200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	8.44	8.44	0.00	0.00	200.00
1959 George & Alfreda Hayes				500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	21.09	21.09	0.00	0.00	500.00
1960 Chester H Drake				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	0.00	100.00
1963 Emelie P Holmgren				450.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	18.98	18.98	0.00	0.00	450.00
1963 Charles H Waths				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	0.00	100.00
1965 Giles Lot - Sweetts Hill				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	0.00	100.00
1965 Cutting Lot				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	0.00	100.00
1965 Andrews Lot				200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	8.44	8.44	0.00	0.00	200.00
1966 Land Cemetery				500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	84.35	84.35	0.00	0.00	500.00
1966 Florence Seymore				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	21.09	21.09	0.00	0.00	100.00
1968 John Works				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	0.00	100.00
1968 John C & Marie Lee				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	0.00	100.00
1968 Jesse Nason & Beck Lot				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	448.00	448.00	0.00	0.00	10,622.00
				10,622.00	0.00							10,622.00

TOTAL

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 2007

DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE START OF YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	TRANSFER TO PRINCIPAL	BALANCE END OF YEAR	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
<u>COMMON TRUST:</u>											
1969 Albert Phinney	Cem P/C	Mon Mkt	All	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	6.33	6.33	0.00	150.00
1969 Drake Lot				300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	12.65	12.65	0.00	300.00
1972 Lord Lot				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00
1973 B F Allard & J Durgin				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00
1976 Charles Bryant Lot				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00
1977 David Smith Lot				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00
1977 Albion & Alonzo Pease Lot				200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	8.44	8.44	0.00	200.00
1982 Winston V & Margaret Morrow				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00
1982 Stephen & Elmira Danforth				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00
1987 Ernest & Rachel Mulver				200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	8.44	8.44	0.00	200.00
1988 Gordon D Stokes				300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	12.65	12.65	0.00	300.00
1988 Pauline Sargent Rounds				200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	8.44	8.44	0.00	200.00
1988 Abe Sargent				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00
1988 Frederick & Elisabeth Towle				300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	12.65	12.65	0.00	300.00
1988 Mary S Morrison				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00
1989 Charles & Mary H Stewart				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00
1989 William A & Sally Stoops				100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00
1989 David Sargent				40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	1.69	1.69	0.00	40.00
1989 Town Cemetery Fund				1,841.00	0.00	1,841.00	0.00	77.65	77.65	0.00	1,841.00
<u>TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS</u>											
1938 Belinda C Wood	Library	Mon Mkt	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	42.18	42.18	0.00	1,000.00	
1985 Ernest Myrick	Library	Mon Mkt	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	100.00	
<u>TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS</u>											
<u>TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS</u>											
1938 Belinda C Wood				1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	46.40	46.40	0.00	1,100.00
				16,253.00	0.00	16,253.00	0.00	685.50	685.50	0.00	16,253.00

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 2007

DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL EXPENDED DURING YEAR		BALANCE START OF YEAR		INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR		BALANCE TRANSFER TO PRINCIPAL		BALANCE END OF YEAR	
				BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	BALANCE END OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	TRANSFER TO PRINCIPAL	BALANCE END OF YEAR	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME		
GENERAL FUNDS:													
Expendable Trust Funds:													
2001 School District	Road Right-of Way	Spec Ed	Mon Mkt	22,239.89	4,048.17	0.00	26,288.06	0.00	1,048.17	0.00	26,288.06	0.00	
2002 Town	Removal of Milfoil		Mon Mkt	11,491.26	483.89	0.00	11,975.15	0.00	483.89	0.00	11,975.15	0.00	
2006 Town			Mon Mkt	500.82	7,521.09	7,500.00	522.01	0.00	21.09	0.00	522.01	0.00	
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS				34,232.07	12,053.15	7,500.00	38,785.22	0.00	1,553.15	0.00	38,785.22	0.00	
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:													
1996 School District	Bus	Mon Mkt	84,678.06	3,565.69	0.00	88,243.75	0.00	3,565.69	0.00	88,243.75	0.00	88,243.75	0.00
1996 Highway Department	Bus	Mon Mkt	54,301.63	12,315.95	0.00	66,617.58	0.00	2,315.95	0.00	66,617.58	0.00	66,617.58	0.00
2002 Fire Department	Equip	Mon Mkt	54,202.82	38,275.28	7,744.00	81,734.10	0.00	2,031.28	0.00	2,031.28	0.00	81,734.10	0.00
2006 Town-New Municipal Building and Land	Equip	Mon Mkt	50,091.93	52,256.19	0.00	102,348.12	0.00	2,256.19	0.00	2,256.19	0.00	102,348.12	0.00
2007 Transfer Station		Mon Mkt	243.00	5,014.69	0.00	5,014.69	0.00	14.69	0.00	14.69	0.00	5,014.69	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES				243,274.44	108,427.80	7,744.00	343,958.24	0.00	10,183.80	0.00	343,958.24	0.00	
TOTAL ALL TRUST FUNDS				293,759.51	120,480.95	15,244.00	398,996.46	0.00	12,422.45	685.50	11,736.95	0.00	
TOTAL													
398,996.46													

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 2007

<u>DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>HOW INVESTED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>GAINS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>INCOME EXPENDED</u>	<u>TRANSFER TO PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME</u>
			<u>START OF YEAR</u>	<u>END OF YEAR</u>	<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>NEW FUNDS</u>	<u>OR LOSSES)</u>	<u>START OF YEAR</u>	<u>END OF YEAR</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>END OF YEAR</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Bank of New Hampshire	Cem P/C	Mon Mkt	15,153.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,153.00	0.00	0.00	639.10	15,153.00
Bank of New Hampshire	Library	Mon Mkt	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	46.40	1,100.00
TOTALS			16,253.00	0.00	0.00	16,253.00	0.00	0.00	685.50	685.50	0.00	16,253.00

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Place of Birth
02-21-07	Jakubec, Devin Scott	Jakubec, Scott	Jakubec, Vanessa	N. Conway
03-12-07	Boynton, Hailey Lynn	Boynton, Kevin	Boynton, Cassandra	N. Conway
04-13-07	Buswell, Isaac Robert	Buswell, Robin	Buswell, Crystal	Wolfeboro
04-27-07	Dingman, James Everett	Dingman, James	Kinkopf, Emily	N. Conway
05-17-07	Charrette, Mathew David	Charrette, David	Charrette, Lisa	N. Conway
08-04-07	Lamarche, Subrina Elizabeth		Shannon, Telie	N. Conway
09-11-07	Battles, Shayna Ashlynn	Battles, Arthur	Battles, Anne-Marie	Wolfeboro
09-25-07	Rivard, Isabella Grayce	Rivard, John	Morin-Rivard, Lisa	N. Conway

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

Date of <u>Death</u>	Place of <u>Death</u>	Name of <u>Deceased</u>	Father's <u>Name</u>	Mother's Maiden <u>Name</u>
01-09-07	Dover	Knowles, George	Knowles, Winslow	Gambell, Anna
02-03-07	Manchester	Hall, John	Hall, Lawrence	Milliken, Blanche
03-10-07	Wolfeboro	Pinkham, David	Pinkham, Carl	Gill, Alice
03-18-07	Ossipee	Eldridge, Madeline	Frost, Herbert	Hurd, Bertha
05-31-07	Freedom	Beaber, David	Beaber, John	Maloney, Ruth
06-04-07	Freedom	Davis, Merland	Davis, Walter	Gale, Margaret
06-07-07	Wolfeboro	Thurston Jr, Kenneth		MacWhinnie, Martha
07-12-07	Laconia	Laduke, George	Laduke, George	Tieses, Dorothy
08-20-07	Wolfeboro	McCoy, Robert	McCoy, Stanley	Scanlon, Edith
09-03-07	N. Conway	Fowler, Robert	Fowler, Cyrus	Huckins, Mary
09-11-07	Lebanon	Mitchell, Bertha	Zibikas, Charles	Zirolis, Anna
11/15/07	Wolfeboro	Hobbs, Vivian	Quinelly, William	Covington, Ida
11/21/07	N. Conway	Libby, Wanita	Libby, Lawrence	Abbott, Elizabeth
12-03-07	Wolfeboro	German, Winifred	Dean, James	Vanheest, Elizabeth
12-08-07	Freedom	Eaton, Paul	Eaton, Paul	Davidson, Jeannette
12-23-07	N. Conway	Verney, Barry	Verney, Ralph	Monroe, Barbara

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Name and Surname of Groom and Bride</u>	<u>Residence at time of marriage</u>
04-21-07	Sullivan, Patrick F. Coolbroth, Kimberly A	Freedom, NH Effingham, NH
06-17-07	Verrochi, L. Croce Wyard, Susan C.	Bethel, CT Bethel, CT
07-07-07	McClare, William T. Swift, Melissa K.	Freedom, NH Freedom, NH
07-07-07	Eastman Jr., Charles W. McCarthy, Linda I.	Vero Beach, FL Vero Beach, FL
08-06-07	Lafortune, David M. Connolly, Sheila M.	Freedom, NH Wolfeboro, NH
09-01-07	Ferry, Jason E. Eldridge, Cherie L.	Freedom, NH Freedom, NH
09-09-07	Luebke, Kevin W. Tuthill, Sarah L.	Boise, ID Salt Lake City, UT
09-15-07	Casey, Sean E. McHugh, Kelley M.	Arlington, MA Woburn, MA
09-23-07	Briggs, William P. Whitehouse, Susan E. W.	Freedom, NH Freedom, NH
12-31-07	Taylor III, Richard V. Perkins, Carolynn R.	Sebago, ME Sebago, ME

**TOWN OF FREEDOM
REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT
APPLICATION**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Board or Committee of interest? _____

Resident: Yes No (circle one) Registered Voter: Yes No (circle one)

How long have you lived in Freedom? _____

Are you able to attend monthly meetings? _____

Have you served on any commissions or boards? _____

If so, which ones? _____

If not, what is your background or experience pertaining to this board or committee? _____

Are you willing to attend classes and/or seminars to educate yourself about laws and procedures for the desired position? _____

Current clubs or organizations you are affiliated with: _____

In your own words, why do you want to serve on this board or committee and what can you contribute? _____

(Please use back or additional sheet, if necessary)

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please return this form to the Freedom Town Office or mail to:
Freedom Board of Selectmen
PO Box 227
Freedom, NH 03836

SELECTMEN

Leslie Babb, Chairman

Donna Cupka

James Brown

Hours:

Monday 6:30 pm

Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thurs 8am to 1pm

Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN CLERK

A. Elizabeth Priebe

Office Hours:

Monday and Wednesday

Evenings 6:30 to 8pm

Saturday: 9am to 12 noon

Telephone: 539-8269

TAX COLLECTOR

Thomas Kondrat

Office Hours:

Tuesday's Nov. - Feb. 7 to 9pm

First Tuesday Mar.-Oct. 7 to 9pm

Telephone: 539-5572

ZONING OFFICER

Ned Hatfield

Office Hours:

Thursday 9am - 2pm

Telephone: 539-6323

BUILDING CODE OFFICER

Robert Babine

Office Hours:

Thursday 9am - 2pm

Telephone: 539-6323

*Meeting times and office hours
are subject to change.*

**TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY
CLOSING**

Memorial Day 5/26/08

Independence Day 7/4/08

Labor Day 9/1/08

Columbus Day 10/13/08

Thanksgiving Day 11/27/08

Christmas 12/25/08

New Year's 1/1/09

Civil Rights Day 1/19/09

Presidents Day 2/16/09

**TOWN CLERK'S HOLIDAY
CLOSING**

Memorial Day 5/26/08

Old Home Day 8/2/08

Labor Day 9/1/08

Columbus Day 10/13/08

Christmas Eve 12/24/08

New Year's Eve 12/31/08

Civil Rights Day 1/19/09

President's Day 2/16/09

**TRANSFER/RECYCLING
FACILITY****Winter Hours:**

Begins Labor Day Week

Tues. & Sat. 8 am to 4pm

Sunday 11am to 4pm

Summer Hours:

Begins Memorial Day Weekend

Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 8 am to 4pm

Sun. 11am to 4pm

Telephone: 539-5364

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Josh Shackford, Chief

Office Hours:

Monday Evenings

6:30 to 8:00 pending

availability from services

Telephone: 539-8268

